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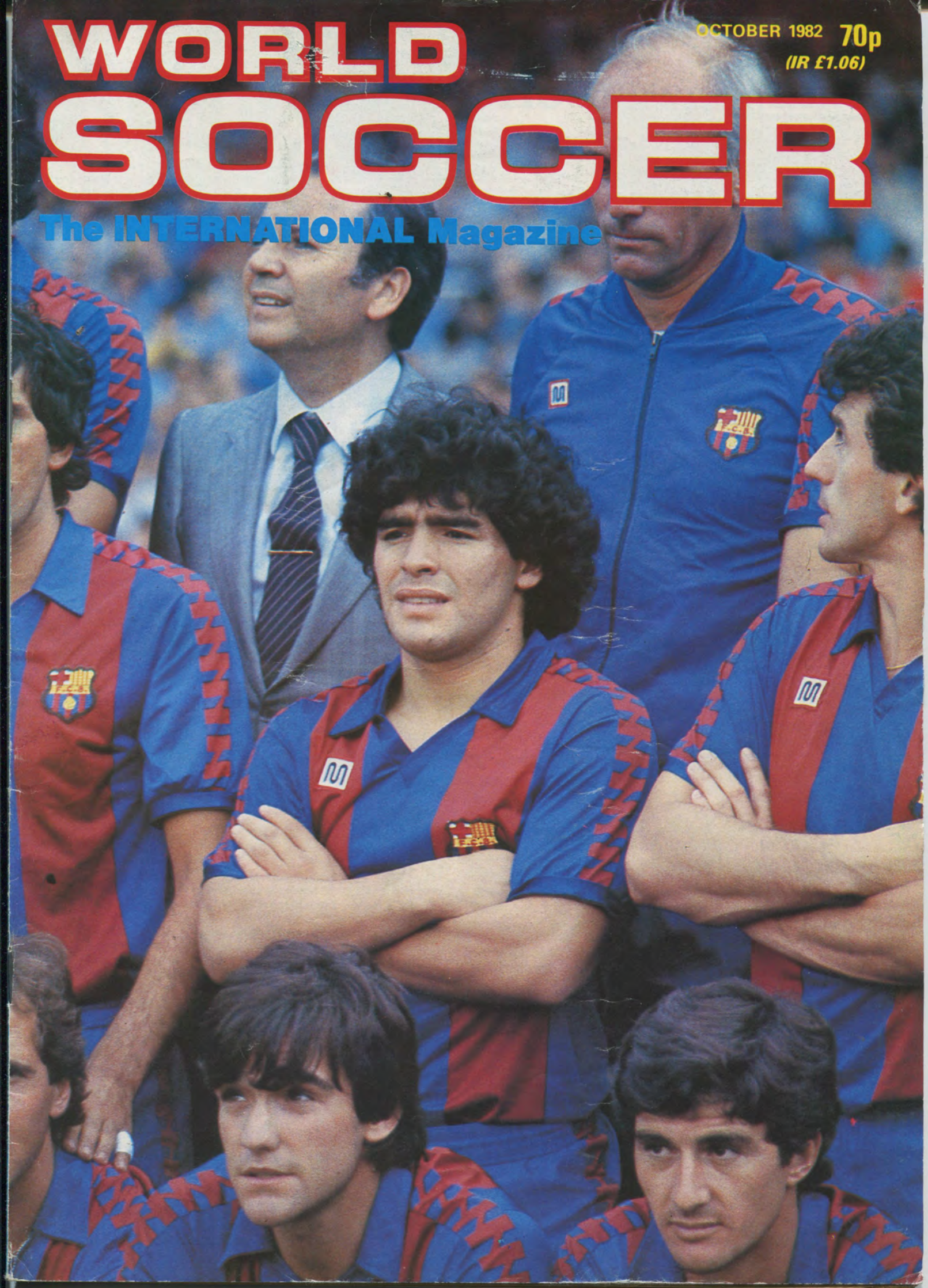

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MOSCOW SPARTAK AND RUSSIA

Poor display from England in Copenhagen

RAY WILKINS marked his first day as captain of England by telling officials, fans and fellow players: "I see no reason why we can't win the next World Cup."

Two days later a 35,000 crowd in Copenhagen plus millions more in Britain and around Europe thanks to television, saw plenty of reasons.

England's 2-2 draw with Denmark, which marked the opening of their European championship campaign, was no disaster. Perhaps it was inevitable that all the optimism built up by the arrival of Bobby Robson at the helm should be dissipated quickly.

Maybe it was also good that no one's illusions — least of all those of Wilkins, the Manchester United midfielder — should have been nourished longer than was necessary.

What was clear in the Idraetspark was that England need to rebuild in the section where they have, for so long, been strongest: in defence. England had stayed around seven hours on the pitch without conceding a goal. Before going to Denmark.

More significantly, they hadn't scored many either. And once Robson had decided to switch from the 4-4-2 of Greenwood to a more offensive 4-3-3, then the defence was exposed as far from the impregnable bastion it had appeared.

Ever since Dave Watson slid from the scene, England have been looking for a dominating central defender. Alvin Martin was prevented by injury and Steve Foster by club unrest at Brighton from earning the chance to establish their claim.

So against Denmark Robson resorted to the tried and tested — by him at Ipswich, anyway — Terry Butcher and Russell Osman. Their plight had been demonstrated forcibly in Italy the previous week, however, when Ipswich were taken apart to the tune of 3-0 by Roma in the UEFA Cup.

Ipswich haven't been functioning properly this season and it was a measure of England's

Wilkins' boast has a hollow ring

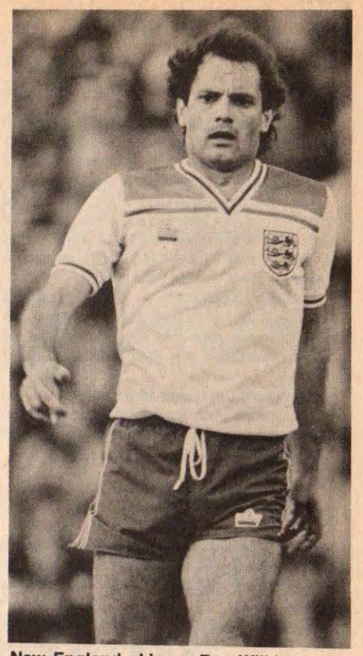
defensive problems that Butcher and Osman were still named in the senior side.

England snatched an early lead through Trevor Francis, the new hero of Genoa (See Page 4) who had scored on the previous Sunday had his first goal in **Calcio** in helping Sampdoria defeat Internazionale 2-1. They were fortunate to hold that lead to the interval, however, and in the second half the Danes increased the tempo.

With Soren Lerby and Jesper Olsen, Ajax Amsterdam team-mates, in sparkling form the Danes equalised from an Allan Hansen penalty and did not deserve to go behind once more in the closing stages when Francis swept home a corner from Wilkins.

That Olsen should then brilliantly score a winner seconds from time was only justice — as Robson and all England's players acknowledged afterwards.

Not that England — without the Newcastle's angry Kevin Keegan — were the only team in action. Elsewhere in the European championship **Austria** ran up five goals against **Albania** and **Portugal** — under 1966 boss Otto Gloria — won 2-0 in **Finland.**


New England skipper Ray Wilkins . . . a boast too far.

Holland defeated the **Irish Republic** 2-1 and **Wales** were about as lucky as England in managing to beat **Norway** 1-0 despite being virtually overrun. Poor Norway saw two shots cleared of the Welsh goal-line and Tom Lund hit the post.

In friendly internationals **West Germany** drew 0-0 at home against **Belgium, Hungary** thrashed **Turkey** 5-0 and **East Germany** and **Bulgaria** drew 2-2.

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THE UEFA Cup first leg between AEK Athens and Köln is to be replayed on September 29.

The first game was abandoned after 88 minutes in Athens on September 14 when the floodlights failed — a forest fire having engulfed the electricity sub-station.

Disappointing start for Maradona

COVER PICTURE . . . shows Argentine wonder-boy Diego Maradona lining up in front of Barcelona president Jose Luis Nenez and coach Udo Lattek on his first day's training with his new Spanish club.

Maradona made a disappointing start, for Barcelona failed dramatically in two pre-season tournaments and then lost their opening league game 1-0 to Valencia.

However he soon showed the sort of form which the Spanish fans expect when he smashed a hat-trick in Barcelona's 9-0 demolition of Apollon of Cyprus in the first round, first leg of their Cup-winners' Cup tie.

For more details on Maradona's league debut . . . and why he missed the Unicef match between Europe and the Rest of the World, see Pages 10 and 11, and *World Soccer Diary* on Pages 26 and 27.

Cover Picture: By **Rex Gowar.**

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ASTON VILLA'S stewardship of the Champions' Cup was hardly illuminated by two events.

First they could beat Besiktas of Istanbul only 3-1 in the "closed doors" match at Villa Park . . . then they allowed the European Cup trophy to be stolen while on display at a Midland pub function! The trophy, insured for £750,000, was recovered later in Sheffield.

VLADISLAO CAP, one of the few men to coach both the great Argentine rivals, Boca Juniors and then River Plate — whom he joined during the summer — has died in Buenos Aires.

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OVERLOOKED . . . in last month's *World Soccer* the key to the statistics in the ABC of Europe (beginning on Page 7) was omitted. This should have read: Club name is followed by these figures: Championship wins — Cup wins (Champions' Cup appearances — Cup-winners' Cup appearances — UEFA/Fairs' Cups appearances).

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Juventus lose on opening day in Italy

by Derick Allsop

THE Italian League resumed combat on a warm, mid-September afternoon with every justification for optimism.

The national team's World Cup success in Spain had restored self-belief in almost every camp, and clubs and spectators alike welcomed the new season as rarely before.

Enzo Bearzot's heroes, of course, received special attention and since a hefty chunk of them were wearing the black and white stripes of champions Juventus, their match at Sampdoria was the top attraction.

But this wasn't to be another day of jubilation for all those familiar names. They lost 1-0 to the ambitious Genoa club and the Italian championship had its first major surprise.

No-one, in fact, was more surprised than goalscorer Ferroni, the experienced defender whose chief concern was to blot out the formidable Rossi.

Winner

Having accomplished that mission with great authority he showed his forwards the way with the winner midway through the second half.

The quiet, slightly embarrassed Ferroni said: "No-one could make me a gift better than that goal against Zoff. When I saw the ball in the net a cry came from my throat that even surprised me."

Ferroni apart, the player with most reason to relish this victory was Liam Brady, the Republic of Ireland international who joined Sampdoria from Juventus during the summer.

Brady has never been the most expressive of footballers off the pitch so there was no talk of sweet revenge. The midfield man said: "On this occasion Juventus didn't play as they can and I am just glad it was against us. Sampdoria are a good side and we played well."

Brady did, however, return to the World Cup theme to strike a chord with his Italian audience. "Sampdoria were like Italy, Juventus were like Brazil," he said.

Juventus were, indeed, very much the favourites, a team of all-stars that could almost represent a World XI. This was their side: Zoff, Gentile, Cabrini, Furino, Brio, Scirea, Boniek, Bonini, Rossi, Platini, Bettega.

These were the men who lined up for Sampdoria: Bistazzoni, Ferroni, Vullo, Casegrande, Bonetti, Guerrini, Scanziani, Bellotto, Francis, Brady, Mancini.

Besides the Italian internationals then, a parade of other Mundial veterans to be inspected; Francis of England, Boniek of Poland and Platini of France.

It wasn't the most stunning of performances by Francis but he revealed enough dash and enthusiasm to satisfy a 50,000 crowd and keep the Juventus defence on the alert.

At the end he joined his team-mates in celebration, returning the applause of their supporters. As the Italian Press eagerly awaited his opinion he managed: "Okay, tutto okay".

Paths

Then, with a little help from a friend, he told them: "Juventus are a good side but we were able to block their paths to goal."

Even when Juventus created openings they weren't able to take advantage and the longer the game went on the more you sensed Sampdoria might snatch a winner.

Sampdoria striker Trevor Francis is tackled by Juventus' new signing Michel Platini.

The home defence was splendid and poor Rossi was about as effective as he was in the first phase of the World Cup finals. In fairness to him, the service was far from slick.

Boniek and Platini fell woefully below expectations and 18 minutes into the second half the Pole was brought off, to be replaced by Marocchino.

Trapattoni explained: "He was tired, having played in Finland in midweek for Poland. There was no other reason."

Result

Boniek, who drifted between midfield and attack without ever looking certain of his role, was distinctly unhappy with his substitution. "I wasn't tired," he snapped.

Could Boniek be heading for a clash with his new boss already? We will watch with interest.

Despite the result and this first skirmish with Boniek, Trapattoni maintained that he wasn't too dismayed. "I believe we were better than Sampdoria," he said.

"We created the majority of chances and had more shots and headers. If just one of those had gone in it might have changed everything. But that's football."

He added, however: "I don't want a team of great individuals but a side that fights."

Do those words tell the truth of the Boniek situation? Certainly there was a touch of arrogance about Juventus' play which, on this day at least, was unjustified and duly punished.

Elsewhere the first fixtures produced, by Italian standards anyway, a bit of a goal rush. Fiorentina beat Catanzaro 4-0 and this time the World Cup names had more success. Graziani, Antognoni and Daniel Bertoni all scored.

Torino completed the misery of neighbours Juventus by hammering Avellino 4-1. Roma opened with a useful 3-1 win at Cagliari, while Inter won 2-1 at Verona.

Not the brightest of starts for Milan in the Second Division, though. They were held to a 2-2 home draw by Sambenedettese.

Here are the first day results: **Serie A** — Ascoli 0, Genoa 0; Cagliari 1, Roma 3; Cesena 0, Pisa 0; Fiorentina 4, Catanzaro 0; Napoli 0, Udinese 0; Sampdoria 1, Juventus 0; Torino 4, Avellino 1; Verona 1, Inter 2.

Serie B — Atalanta 1, Pistoiese 0; Cremonese 0, Catania 1; Foggia 0, Cavese 0; Lazio 0, Campobasso 0; Lecce 2, Como 1; Milan 2, Sambenedettese 2; Palermo 0, Arezzo 1; Perugia 2, Monza 1; Reggiana 0, Bari 0; Varese 0, Bologna 0.

World XI . . . selected by Eric Batty

SHILTON
(Southampton and England)

TRESOR (Bordeaux and France) | **PASSARELLA (Fiorentina and Argentina)** | **DUARTE (Alianza and Peru)** | **GIRESSE (Bordeaux and France)**

FALCAO (AS Roma and Brazil) | **PLATINI (Juventus and France)** | **ARDILES (Paris St Germain and Argentina)** | **SOCRATES (Corinthians and Brazil)**

RUMMENIGGE (Bayern and West Germany) | **ROSSI (Juventus and Italy)**

Class and skill still prevail

EVERY YEAR at about this time I have chosen a World XI for *World Soccer* and though it may perhaps spark off arguments and correspondence, it is not intended to. Regular readers who collect the magazine will see that over the years I have chosen only players who have given positive contributions to the game and never, ever a kicker or hard man.

When I go to a game I want to see intelligent, skilful players. The kind of player that can do things with a ball that the average spectator knows very well he could never dream of doing.

For myself, I want that too, but I also look for creative ideas, and above all, doing good things going forward.

Clearly though the defenders must have good defensive qualities though as I have said before it is never intended to give the idea that my team would murder any other team in the world.

The best teams are always a blend of different types of player whereas it will be seen at once that I have, as always, gone overboard for class and skill.

Some readers might argue about the exclusion of Italy's Bruno Conti, and I would not argue with them. He is an extremely good player, but he is what I call a 'false' winger, and I would only include him if it was Paolo Rossi who was left out.

In a World Cup year it is inevitable that all my players should have done well in it. I have seen other extremely good players before the World Cup in the last year, men such as Chivadze of the USSR and Stielike of Real Madrid, but like many others they failed to produce the goods in the World Cup.

In goal I can think of only one other player who might be preferred to **Peter Shilton** who, I thought was impeccable throughout the tournament. That was of course the Russian Renat Dassayev. I was impressed by him in Russia's 0-0 draw away to Wales at Wrexham when it was clear that Wales had to win to qualify and a lot would hinge on the Russian ability in the air at the back.

Both Chivadze and Dassayev were superb that day with the young and then unknown Dassayev really excelling, both on saves and high crosses, which is where most continental goalkeepers fall down, particularly when they play in Britain, the home of the high cross.

But Shilton finally got my vote because in addition to everything else I thought that his distribution was far better. Dassayev, whether or not playing to orders was too often seen kicking the ball hopefully upfield.

And if one thing stood out to me in the World Cup it was the simple truth that this is the surest way to give the ball away and invite your opponent to attack you.

If you get the chance to see highlights on the box any time or have a video of a game watch for this point in particular. Throwing the ball out the teams kept possession and started an attack. Kicking it out they gave the ball away immediately. And keeping possession has always been the best form of defence!

With the Argentine attack being almost non-existent and Maradona being the flop that I certainly thought he would be, only **Ardiles** and **Passarella** get my vote. They both played as well as in 1978 with Ardiles one of the few players who worked like a beaver and consistently pushed passes forward...which cut out numbers of opponents. And when it counted, as against Italy, Passarella got in more goal attempts than any of his strikers.

Jaime Duarte of Peru.

Cutting people out is what passing is about, not the easy square ball across the back that is guaranteed to bore the pants off anyone, and which we saw all to often in Spain.

By cutting out I mean leaving them behind the play. And in my selected team the strength is clearly in midfield where all four players are in the truly great category. And they could not only get in telling passes, but with their skills and imagination they were able to ghost their way past opponents, dribble and entertain, and even get themselves really well forward to pick up goals.

I had a lot of problems with my four defenders. **Marius Tresor** has always been an exceptionally skilful player and he has been outstanding whenever I have seen him play for France. But he is probably now at his peak. The way Tresor plays is however, very economical. Like Franz Beckenbauer he only goes forward in bursts so that he never gets physically shattered and playing this way he could possibly go on for some time yet.

Passarella is the only member, with Tresor, who is a good defender but this brings out another aspect of the game as it is played today. With so few real wingers about the full backs have little chance to gain experience at being good defenders. Encouraged to go forward, most full backs are at their best going forward and though he was not at his best in the World Cup, West Germany's Manfred Kaltz is a typical example of this.

In earlier games I had seen him excel going forward but when faced by a really quick and skilful winger he can find himself in all kinds of trouble.

Clearly, **Alain Giresse** is not a left back but after noting the left backs that took my eye I felt that like Kaltz they were better going forward than they were at defending. So I decided to play a midfield player at left back.

Neither do I give way on including **Karl-Heinz Rummenigge** who was clearly unfit for Spain. But there were so few really good and classy players on view there that in my opinion he showed more class on one leg than most of his challengers did when fully fit.

Rossi underlined just what a good player he is by taking good goals after such a long lay-off, which most players could not have done and was without doubt Italy's matchwinner.

And as for right back **Jaime Duarte**, he was the one man in the Peru side who did better than expected with Uribe who promised so much doing nothing and the blend of untried youth and over the hill veterans just plain disappointing. Peru's big names just never got going but I liked the look of Duarte who was I thought the best South American full back in the competition by a long way — and that included the highly rated, but over-rated Junior of Brazil.

United States are favourites to the 1986 World Cup Finals

SHOULD the United States be allotted the next World Cup? The question becomes increasingly germane. Colombia won't get it; that is quite clear, despite the fact that we have to wait till December to be officially told.

With Henry Kissinger lobbying away in Spain, with the world's journalists bitterly disenchanted with the intransigence and incompetence of the Spanish organistion, not to mention the police harrassment, America can present a strong case.

The more so as, thanks to Havelange and his election pledges for 1974, the competition has swollen into a monstrosity. Like the ghastly Olympic Games, it is becoming an intolerable burden for all but the wealthiest and most evolved countries.

To say that the Americans don't "deserve" it, that they are the most peripheral of soccer nations, one in which the game has never taken root, in which the professional game is struggling desperately to survive, is to tell the truth; but not to present the whole picture.

Your 24 team cyclops of a tournament now demands no fewer than six centres in which to stage the so called first round of this clumsily conceived affair; and even Brazil, the chief claimants for the 1986 competition, might be a little hard put to find them.

The Americans, curiously enough, could probably provide not only the stadia but the crowds; as evidenced by the UNICEF match last August in Giants Stadium, when nearly 77,000 people attended the non-event between Europe and the Rest.

An Italian journalist remarked that without the Italo-Americans the crowd would have been negligible. But the fact is that all over America there are probably enough "ethnics" to support World Cup matches in the big cities, ethnics who wouldn't cross the street to watch an NASL match, but who would know enough (too much?) about the game to be drawn to a game in the World Cup.

That's certainly true about Los Angeles, where the mediocre Aztecs have died the death but the millions of Mexicans and other Latin Americans would surely provide a knowledgeable crowd for games that matter.

Pleading

Brian Mears' sad little apologia CHELSEA THE REAL STORY (Pelham Books £7.95) costs a bewildering £2 more than John Moynihan's handsomely produced THE CHELSEA STORY (Arthur Barker, £5.95), perhaps because Pelham cannot believe any more than I do that there'll be more than a minuscule demand for Mears' sustained piece of special pleading.

They presumably know what they are doing — having sold more than 28,000 copies of Trevor Brooking's bland autobiography — but though I found the book exceedingly interesting, it's hard to think the generality of readers will.

What, after all, could be more peripheral, more quickly and easily forgotten, than the departed Chairman of a club he left in chaos?

The books, however, do largely complement each other. Moynihan's history of the club is immensely the more engaging, far better printed, presented and illustrated, infinitely better written than Mears' sloppy, often ungrammatical, text: though Moynihan himself commits the enormity of thinking that enormity means enormous.

Those who have read and delighted in Moynihan's unique book **THE SOCCER SYNDROME** will know his strengths; and their obverse. He is a celebrant rather than an analyst, and his style has been further cramped in his latest book by its relatively brief length.

A good many themes needed larger development; after all Chelsea's history, though it has not been as long as many other leading clubs', has been a vastly hectic and busy one.

Moynihan is quite splendid on the origins of the club, its early stars and struggles. The Mears family, of course, were in from the beginning, which was why I, for one, was terribly sorry to see Brian Mears go and thus attentuate the long, unbroken connection between his family and the club.

As Moynihan records, it was a dog bite which indirectly — or perhaps even directly — caused the original Chelsea Mears to decide that football should be played at Stamford Bridge, rather than turning the ground over to the Great Western Railway for, perish the thought, a coal yard.

Fred Parker, a colleague in finance, was hotly in favour of Chelsea football club getting the ground. Leaving Stamford Bridge, with Mears informing Parker he was quite unconvinced, Parker was suddenly and painfully bitten in the calf by Mears' Scotch terrier. So well did Parker, after his initial howl of pain, take the mishap that Mears allegedly changed his mind; and Chelsea were allowed to be born.

By February, 1905, Stamford Bridge was being rebuilt as a football stadium, and later that year, with astonishing speed, the club had been voted into the Second Division. Since then, its ups and downs have been legendary; it has been by and large a club of lost causes rather than resounding successes, though the very rarity of these has made them memorable; as has been Chelsea's ability not only to beat the best but to lose to the worst.

As we know, Chelsea managed by a hairsbreadth to stay solvent after falling over £3 million into debt; most of it caused by the saga of their new £2 million stand. Mears it was who authorised this, but as his book shows, it took an awful lot of bad luck to plunge Chelsea into such fearful trouble.

Most important of all — and a point which has never been strongly brought out before — the old East stand **had** to be demolished, had become an unsafe structure, its permission reluctantly renewed by the authorities only year by year. One great criticism against the new stand, however, is that its architects seem to have paid little or no attention to the truly modern, advanced specimens of its kind; notably in the United States.

It's a monument to conspicuous consumption, wasted space, the grandiose rather than the economical. But it was hardly Mears' fault that a building strike and a wretched winter caused that side of the ground to be derelict for over a year, and should coincide with the sad quarrel between Dave Sexton and his two stars, Osgood and Hudson, which knocked the heart and stuffing out of the team.

Mears gives up plenty of detail on this, Moynihan hardly any at all: a history of Chelsea should surely have dealt with that astonishing occasion when Dave Sexton left a board meeting believing he had been sacked, only to discover that he hadn't.

Mears is interesting, too, on the strange saga of Eddie McCreadie, the club's former left-back, who as manager resourcefully got them back into the First Division; only to deal himself rashly out of the game by demanding an infinitely better contract.

From his broken backed, disorganised yet always intriguing book, Mears emerges as what the Italians call **figlio di pappa**, daddy's boy, the son of a rich, successful man, with all the problems and difficulties that entails. He was clearly in awe of his father, Joe, until well into his manhood, yet those of us who remember Joe's long chairmanship of Chelsea perhaps found him a rather less impressive figure.

Certainly he made a number of serious mistakes. He hadn't the courage to stand up to the Football League, as Manchester United did a season later, and take Chelsea into the first ever European Cup, in 1955. He gave Ted Drake a lucrative five year contract at a time when it was clear he was no longer an effective Chelsea manager; then had to pay him up for four years of it, after sacking him. He foolishly allowed Jimmy Greaves to be sold to Milan in 1961 for a song, and didn't even see to it that Chelsea retained a valid option to buy him back, so that by the end of the year, Greaves had gone to Spurs.

Brian Mears himself I shall always think of as a kind, decent, amiable, well meaning man, devoted and dedicated to the club. Less effectual figures in football have got away with it, have not succumbed under the appalling series of mishaps and misfortunes which eventually led to Mears's defenestration by his own senior directors; an episode clearly so painful to him that he keeps it under wraps until bizarrely late in the book.

If I were a Chelsea fan, however, I should want to read Moynihan's rehearsal of the club's roller coaster career; especially the early pages, and those which deal with Moynihan's engaging observations and responses as a fan. When he becomes a journalist, he is less idiosyncratic and thus less interesting. And neither he nor Brian Mears, outrageously ducking the issue, tell us

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

whether Tommy Docherty really **did** take his trousers down to the Roman crowd before a notorious European match at the Stadio Flaminio, which ended in appalling violence by the Roman fans. Not that I would encourage Brian Mears to attempt a sequel.

Shifted

Ding, dong, the witch is dead. Well, moribund, anyway. After years of seething frustration, Enzo Bearzot has had his old foe, detractor and rival Italo Allodi shifted from the national coaching centre at Coverciano.

It's a bitter commentary on the Italian football Establishment that it should have taken a World Cup win to bring it about.

Not that Bearzot crudely and opportunistically exploited his splendid successs in Spain to accomplish his desire. Far from it. It was in the course of the 'plane flight from Galicia to Barcelona, after Italy had tottered their way through to the Second Round, that Federico Sordillo, the new president of the Italian Federation, told Bearzot he could take it for granted that he would be reappointed national team manager.

Bearzot replied with feeling that he couldn't go on while he had enemies at Coverciano. During the World Cup itself, indeed, he had been viciously attacked by the manager of Varese, who has since been referred to the disciplinary body: the fine Italian hand of Allodi had been obvious enough.

When Bearzot returned in triumph to Italy, the issue became one of pressing relevance. Allodi of course protested total innocence, the Italian sporting Press predictably kept the real issues out of sight, though they gave acres of space to the controversy, but everyone knew why Bearzot wanted Allodi out.

It went back to the notorious Italy-Poland match in Stuttgart during the World Cup of 1974, about which I scarely need to remind my readers. That Allodi should subsequently be appointed to Coverciano, with no coaching background whatsoever, yet on a salary of some £50,000 a year, was a scandalous cop out by the Italian F.A.

But Allodi has always known where the bodies were buried and has never been a man to trifle with; even if a certain loss of marbles was not long ago apparent in his weird claim that he had "given me money to stay in Italy" nineteen years before he ever met me, at a time (1954) when ill health had actually obliged me not to stay but to leave!

So far, it seems, Allodi has gone quietly, though he must still be seething. It looks, at the time I write, that he will be coming back into club football; not a prospect to engender dancing in the streets among those who remember his machinations at Inter and Juventus. But at least the good, honest, able Bearzot has got him off his back. About time, too.

There seems no end to Keeganitis. Nothing, apparently, succeeds like failure. Fresh from his amazing lack of success in the World Cup, there was Newcastle United eager to pay, and cause to be paid, vast wages to bring him to Tyneside, a kind of poor man's Milburn or belated Macdonald.

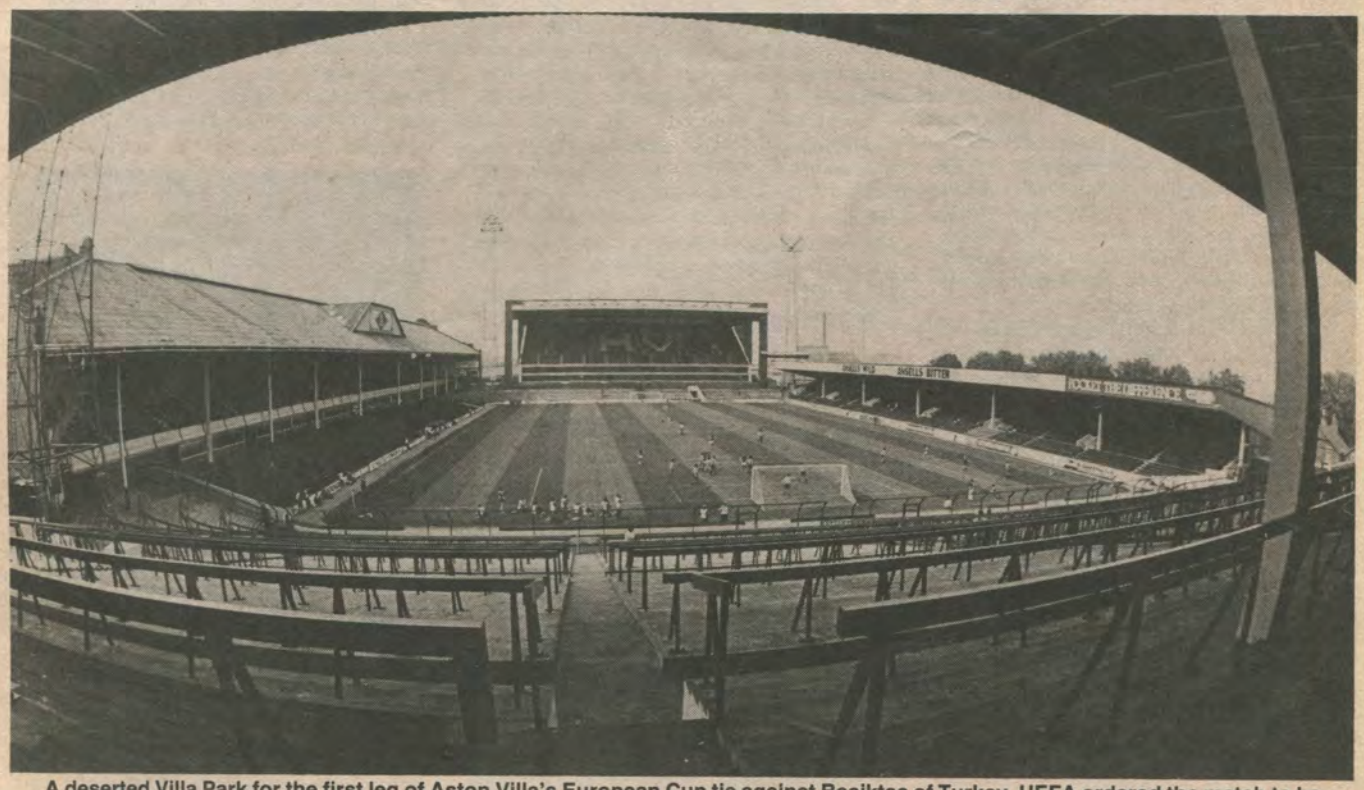
That Keegan played in the World Cup at all showed an appalling failure of nerve and judgement on the part of Ron Greenwood; and a surprising acquiescence (as one must assume it to have been) on the part of the by then dominant force, Don Howe.

Keegan, who had showed in the European Championship that he was no longer a valid player at international level, was clearly going to be still less so after a long absence from the game, thanks to his back injury. Thus when the chance came, the easiest of headed chances bang in front of goal — he missed it.

Some feel that sheer altruism, others greed, lay behind his transfer to Newcastle. I feel it was a driving need to reassert himself, to return to the limelight, after his abject failure in the World Cup.

Money, yes, was of some importance, but he has so much of it that its mere refulgent prestige was probably more significant than its substance. Newcastle United will hope they've bought a short cut to success.

Though I have always wished the club, with its impressive history, well, I am sceptical. Almost as sceptical as I have become about the public pronouncements of Keegan himself.



A deserted Villa Park for the first leg of Aston Villa's European Cup tie against Besiktas of Turkey. UEFA ordered the match to be played behind closed doors. See page 9.

KEIR RADNEDGE reports on two of the most unusual of the European second-leg ties

ABERDEEN IN THICK OF ALBANIAN TRAP

THE PROBLEMS caused by Albania are many.

Not only do national teams and clubs have difficulty getting permission to travel in and out to play the fortunately rare international competitive games, but journalists are usually forbidden any access at all to the country.

The last time a British team played Albania — Celtic three years ago — the only reports to emerge of the game on the day were second-hand by correspondents in Yugoslavia able to monitor Albanian radio's match commentary.

Now another Scottish team, Aberdeen, are in the thick of the Albanian trap again — prompting further concern over whether the world football authorities should allow such restrictive and apparently unwilling nations to take part in competitive games.

Aberdeen's rivals, Dinamo Tirana, are one team from abroad who really do qualify for that old cliche about "mystery opponents".

In fact, everything about Albania, let alone its football, is shrouded in the mists of uncertainty because of the way this tiny Balkan state has shut itself away from the rest of the world over the years.

As Celtic found, when they faced Partizan of the capital Tirana in the European Champions' Cup three years ago, the formalities imposed by the Albanian authorities mean it can be a problem getting a full squad of players to the away match.

Dinamo of Tirana, have been the country's most outstanding club over the years. They have won the league and the cup on more occasions than any other team, with 15 championship successes and 13 cup triumphs to their name. Their last league win, in 1980, also created a record: it was the first time in the competition's 50-year history that one club had finished as many as five points clear at the top.

Last season Dinamo competed in the UEFA Cup, but star striker Vassilaq Zeri couldn't help disturb the usual statistic that Albanian clubs never get beyond the first round. They beat the East Germans of Carl Zeiss Jena 1-0 in the Qemal Stafa stadium in Tirana, but lost the return by 4-0 and went out.

Dinamo have competed in European competition on four occasions only: twice in the Champions' Cup, once in the Cup-winners' Cup, and that one occasion in the UEFA Cup. But if the Albanian federation hadn't withdrawn from all European contact for so many years, they would surely have become familiar opponents.

Since the Champions' Cup began in 1955-56, Dinamo have won the Albanian league on ten occasions — including a run of four consecutive successes between 1975 and 1978 — and the cup eight times. However the Albanians only entered the European scene first between 1962 and 1973 and then, after another lapse, since four years ago.

Still their teams' attendance record remains uncertain, however — as the Italians of Napoli were pleased to find out this summer. Because Albania decided not to enter last season's league runners-up Flamurtair for the UEFA Cup, Napoli — with stars such as Holland's Rudi Krol and Argentina's Ramon Diaz — were allowed in instead!

Soccer came to Albania at the start of the 1900s, introduced by foreign residents. But the locals kept away — as in other parts of the Ottoman Empire, their Turkish governors discouraged the sport for fear that sports clubs might harbour political and terrorist organisations.

The first league was founded in Tirana in 1909, but it was exclusively for foreign residents. It didn't last long either. The first world war brought chaos and it wasn't until the early 1920s that the influence of the earlier occupation forces — and the British in particular — reintroduced the game.

In 1928 King Zog came to the throne and sports activities were, for the first time, recognised as an area of government interest. In 1930 a government sports department, the Federata Sportive Shquiptare was set up and, two years later this produced the Djelmenija Shquiptare (football section).

A national league was set up and a club named SC Tirana immediately emerged to dominate the first decade of organised football in Albania. Plans were even made, after joining FIFA in 1932, to enter a national team in the finals of the 1938 World Cup in France. However domestic unrest put an end to that and order wasn't restored to the Albanian game until after the second world war and the establishment of the Communist republic led by Enver Hoxha.

Albania played host to, and won, the Balkan Cup in 1946 despite losing their first game — and the country's first official international 3-2 in Tirana to Yugoslavia. Up until 1953 the Albanians played most of their Eastern European neighbours fairly regularly. But already the trend in their game was towards defence and in their 23 internationals spanning 1946 to 1958 — when ideological differences with their Communist neighbours provoked their go-it-alone political stance — they scored just 22 goals.

Even that last game in 1958, against East Germany, was the Albanians' first for five years and it wasn't until 1963 that they reawoke in international terms. Their 4-0 defeat by Denmark in Copenhagen was also the first occasion on which they had taken part in a European competition at national team level — in this case the European championship.

They won the return with the Danes 1-0 in Tirana but were eliminated, as they have been in every other international qualifying competition — including the 1966 World Cup when they did hold Northern Ireland to a 1-1 draw in November 1965.

It's this very fact, that Albanian teams have never progressed in international competition at national team or club level, which has added to the aura of mystery surrounding their game.

Of only one thing Aberdeen can be sure — their safety while they are in Albania. For Dinamo are run under the auspices of the police and the security forces!

In the final leg of the Champions' Cup, Northern Ireland's Linfield did well to lose only 1-0 away to Neidori in Tirana. But no souvenir snapshots were brought back to Belfast.

Secretary Derek Brooks said: "There have been misunderstandings in other sensitive Eastern countries over tourists innocently taking photos of places and things that were top secret. Rather than run this risk our entire party left their cameras at home."

Linfield did, however, take a huge survival kit with enough food and drink for the Irish champions' 40-hours stay.

Frightened by reports of stomach-churning Albanian dishes and strange liquid dripping from water taps, Linfield took crates of cornflakes, corned beef, milk, Mars bars, coke, 100 litres of bottled water, salt tablets and sufficient lager, beer and Guinness.

Brooks added: "We cabled the Albanians telling them the sort of foods our players would like to eat. But we watched our players' health carefully. For instance, they were only allowed to brush their teeth in the water we took."

Aston Villa defender Ken McNaught out-jumps Besiktas Takimi's Kadir Akbulut.

ALBANIA'S COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL RECORD

	Date	Opponents	Result		Venue	Competition
1946	October 7	Yugoslavia	L	2—3	Tirana	Balkan Cup
	October 9	Bulgaria	W	3—1	Tirana	Balkan Cup
	October 13	Rumania	W	1—0	Tirana	Balkan Cup
1947	May 25	Rumania	L	0—4	Tirana	
	June 11	Bulgaria	L	0—2	Sofia	
	August 20	Hungary	L	0—3	Budapest	
	September 14	Yugoslavia	L	2—4	Tirana	
1948	May 2	Rumania	W	1—0	Bucharest	
	May 23	Hungary	D	0—0	Tirana	
	June 27	Yugoslavia	D	0—0	Belgrade	
1949	October 23	Rumania	D	1—1	Bucharest	
	November 6	Poland	L	1—2	Warsaw	
	November 17	Bulgaria	D	0—0	Sofia	
	November 29	Rumania	L	1—4	Tirana	
1950	May 1	Poland	D	0—0	Tirana	
	June 4	Bulgaria	W	2—1	Tirana	
	September 1	Czechoslovakia	L	0—3	Prague	
	September 24	Hungary	L	0—12	Budapest	
	October 8	Rumania	L	0—6	Bucharest	
1952	November 29	Czechoslovakia	W	3—2	Tirana	
	December 9	Czechoslovakia	W	2—1	Tirana	
1953	November 29	Poland	W	2—0	Tirana	
1958	May 1	East Germany	D	1—1	Tirana	
1959—						
1960—						
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1062—						
1963	June 29	Denmark	L	0—4	Copenhaged	EC
	October 30	Denmark	W	1-0	Tirana	EC
1964	May 17	Holland	L	0—2	Rotterdam	WC
	October 25	Holland	L	0—2	Tirana	WC
1965	April 11	Switzerland	L	0—2	Tirana	WC
	May 2	Switzerland	L	0—1	Geneva	WC
	May 7	N. Ireland	L	1—4	Belfast	WC
	November 24	N. Ireland	D	1—1	Tirana	WC
1966—						
1967	April 8	W. Germany	L	0—6	Dortmund	EC
	May 14	Yugoslavia	L	0—2	Tirana	EC
	November 12	Yugoslavia	L	0—4	Belgrade	EC
	December 17	W. Germany	D	0—0	Tirana	EC
1968—						
1969—						
1970	October 14	Poland	L	0—3	Warsaw	EC
	December 9	Turkey	L	1—2	Istanbul	EC
1971	February 17	W. Germany	L	0—1	Tirana	EC
	May 12	Poland	D	1—1	Tirana	EC
	June 12	W. Germany	L	0—2	Karlsruhe	EC
	November 14	Turkey	W	3—0	Tirana	EC
1972	June 21	Finland	L	0—1	Helsinki	WC
	October 29	Rumania	L	0—2	Bucharest	WC
1973	April 7	E. Germany	L	0—2	Magdeburg	WC
	May 6	Rumania	L	1—4	Tirana	WC
	October 10	Finland	W	1—0	Tirana	WC
	November 3	E. Germany	L	1—4	Tirana	WC
1974—						
1975	January 2	Algeria	L	2—4	Algiers	
1976	October 7	Algeria	W	3—0	Tirana	
	October 11	Algeria	W	3—0	Tirana	
1977—						
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1980	September 3	Finland	W	2—0	Tirana	WC
	October 19	Bulgaria	L	1—2	Sofia	WC
	November 15	Austria	L	0—5	Vienna	WC
	December 6	Austria	L	0—1	Tirana	WC
1981	April 1	W. Germany	L	0—2	Tirana	WC
	September 2	Finland	L	1—2	Kotka	WC
	October 14	Bulgaria	L	0—2	Tirana	WC
	November 18	W. Germany	L	0—8	Dortmund	WC
1982	So far no matches.					

Villa faced Besiktas behind closed doors

SEPTEMBER 15 will go down in European — and English — football history as a date when history sadly repeated itself . . . with Aston Villa beating Besiktas of Turkey 3-1 behind closed doors at Villa Park.

The reasons are well-known. The all-too-familiar outbreak of English hooligan thuggery in Brussels during last season's Champions' Cup semi-final between Anderlect and Villa was responsible for another severe blow to England's football reputation.

It was two years ago that, also in a European first round, West Ham were ordered to play the first-ever European competitive club match behind closed doors at Upton Park. On that occasion it was the behaviour of their fans in the Madrid first leg of their Cup-winners' Cup tie with Castilla which caused the official wrath to descend.

So it was closed doors time again, the punishment a bitter pill for Villa to swallow, precisely because they are reigning European champions.

At least, closed doors or not, they had few problems with a Besiktas side from Turkey who have, this past season, collected the domestic league title for the first time in 15 years.

Yet Besiktas are one of the oldest and most popular clubs in Turkey even if they have never been able to express that domestic success in Europe.

Championship

Besiktas have won the league on four occasions since the present championship was organised for the first time in 1959-60 but their tradition dates back to the early 1900s when Besiktas and a couple more of Turkey's most famous clubs were first organised to join the British residents who had organised the Istanbul Sunday Amateur league.

Those were early days with plenty of problems and Besiktas have had their troubles in more recent years. In 1978 their ground was suspended because of crowd violence and the year after they weren't far from relegation.

Then, however, they began to rebuild. The key men were two signings from then champions Trabzonspor. Mehmet Eksi, a 28-year-old midfield organiser and Turun Necdet, a strong-tackling defender, brought a new spirit to the team.

The goals of an imported Yugoslav — Turkish football is full of them — Milan Bora were the springboard to success which saw Besiktas overtake local rivals Fenerbache and land the league crown at the end of last term.

Besiktas lagged behind for most of the season with Fenerbahce, once beaten by Villa in the UEFA Cup, in command. But they started to slip in late spring and Besiktas forged ahead.

Their European hopes are slim, however. In three attempts at the European Cup, Besiktas have yet to progress past the first round.

KEMPES BACK AND MESTRE RETURNS AS TEAM COACH

VALENCIA do not count among Europe's most very greatest clubs. But if the likes of Real Madrid and Barcelona and "Premier Division" in a European context, then Valencia are certainly "First Division."

A glance at Spanish football records can be misleading, for that shows only that Valencia have won the league on four occasions (only once in the last 34 years) and the cup five times (twice in the last 27 years).

But a look at the European 'table of merit' shows them up as one of the elite few clubs to have won two of the three major tournaments. First came the old Fairs' Cup: they won that by defeating Barcelona 7-3 on aggregate in the 1962 final, and by defeating Dynamo Zagreb 4-1 overall in the 1963 final. They fell just short of the hat-trick — going down 2-1 in a single match final in Barcelona against fellow Spaniards Zaragoza in 1964.

Then, in 1980, Valencia won the Cup-winners' Cup, beating Arsenal 5-4 on penalties in Brussels after a goalless draw. This was the first — and so far only — occasion on which a European prize has been decided with a sudden-death penalty shoot-out.

The manager of Valencia for the Cup-winners' Cup success was one-time Real Madred star (and now Madrid coach) Alfredo Di Stefano. During an earlier spell with the club, Di Stefano had guided Valencia to their only recent league championship victory in 1971.

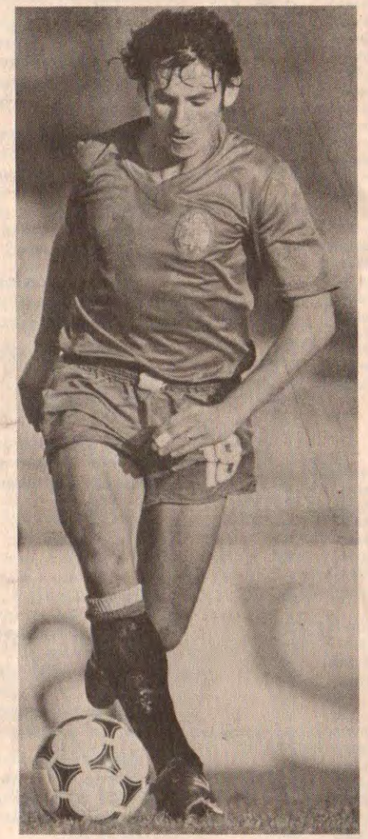
Valencia were founded in 1919 and play all their home matches in the Luis Casanova (Mestalla) stadium so favoured by the Spanish national team. Originally built in 1923, the stadium has a 47,542 capacity which was packed out for Spain's World Cup-ties this past summer against Honduras, Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland.

Though the Spanish league was founded in 1928, it wasn't until 1931-32 that Valencia first achieved promotion to the first division. Since then they have never been relegated, having finished outside the top eight on only eight occasions.

In 1941 they won the Spanish cup for the first time, beating Espanol of Barcelona 3-1 and signalling the start of the club's first major period of achievement — for they then won the league title in 1942, 1944 and 1947 and the Cup again in 1949.

Key players at this time included the goalkeeper Eizaguirre, the successor in the national team to the legendary Ricardo Zamora; and the forward line of Epi, Amadeo, Mundo, Asensi, Gorostiza — known as the Electric Attack. Mundo, later a coach to Valencia, was Spain's top scorer in both 1942 and 1944 with 27 goals each time.

Barcelona and above all Real Madrid took over Spanish football in the 1950s, so it



wasn't until the 1960s that the "Ches", in their all-white strip, had a resurgence with their successes in the Fairs' Cup. Perhaps the most startling success was the thrashing of Barcelona in the 1962 final; Valencia beat their far more experienced rivals 6-2 in Mestalla, with a hat-trick coming from international inside left Vicente Guillot.

On the way Valencia had eliminated Nottingham Forest, and the challenge of British teams seemed to work the magic again the following season. After beating Celtic, Dunfermline and Hibernian they went on to retain the Fairs' Cup.

New stars were goalkeeper Zamora II — son of the famous Zamora — Guillot, Spain right back Piquer and the Brazilians Chicao and Waldo.

All then went quiet again until the league win of 1971 under Di Stefano. Valencia's team wasn't particularly outstanding from an individual point of view, it was a sound team unit. The best players were Spain defender Juan Sol, midfielder Jose Claramunt and the Austrian winger-cum-midfielder Kurt Jara (who was still playing in Spain, but for his country, in the recent World Cup finals).

In an effort to regain such success, Valencia spent heavily on a string of new foreign forwards throughout the rest of the 1970s. The Mali star Salif Keita, the Hispano-Argentina Valdes and Dutchman Johnny Rep were among the newcomers. But all were outshone by the Argentine, Mario Kempes. He arrived in 1977, was league top scorer twice in a row and — in between — fired Argentina to the 1978 World Cup.

Quickly hailed as the world's greatest player, Kempes lost touch entirely in 1979-80 and, soon after the Cup-winners' Cup success, was sold back to Argentina, to River Plate. Now, he has rejoined Valencia since River have proved unable to keep up the transfer fee payments!.

The club president who signed Kempes, sold him, and brought him back is Jose Ramos Costa, a 51-year-old building millionnaire who has been in charge of the club for seven years. His choice as coach this season is 44-year-old Manolo Mestre, a former Valencia centre back now in his second spell guiding the first team.

THE PLAYERS

JOSE LUIS MANZANEDO. Goalkeeper. Aged 26 — one cap for Spain. Born in Burgos, from where he joined Valencia in 1977. Reserve for most of last season.

JOSE MANUEL SEMPERE. Goalkeeper. Aged 24. Born in Valencia and a product of the club's youth scheme. Sempere had a fine season last term and was named in Spain's provisional World Cup 22 two weeks before the finals. However at the last minute he was replaced by the Real Madrid veteran, Miguel Angel. No caps.

JOSE CARRETE. Right back, sometime club captain. Aged 31, with two caps for Spain, Born in Oviedo. Joined Valencia in 1976 and was skipper for the Cup-winners' Cup success against Arsenal two years ago.

JOSE VICENTE ALIAGA. Defender. Aged 25. Another home-grown product who has been with the first-team squad for three years.

MANUEL BOTUBOT. Left back or centre back. Aged 26 — with one cap for Spain. Born in Cadiz. Joined Valencia six years ago and was another member of the CWC-winning team in 1980.

JOSE CERVERO. Defender. Aged 33. No caps. Born Valencia and has been with the club for eight years, establishing a reputation as a tough marker though he is now slowing up.

RICARDO ARIAS. Sweeper. Aged 25 — with one cap for Spain. Born Valencia and made his way up through the youth sides. Joined the senior section six years ago. Another member of the 1980 CWC side. Arias appeared on the verge of joining Real Madrid two years ago as replacement for veteran Jose Pirri, but the clubs couldn't agree terms and since then Arias hasn't quite lived up to his potential.

MIGUEL TENDILLO. Stopper. Aged 21 — with 26 caps. Born in Valencia and progressed through the youth system, signing full pro terms in 1978 at 17 — very young in Spain. One of the best stoppers in Europe, making his Spain debut as a substitute against Denmark in May, 1980, and then helping beat Arsenal in the CWC final . . . Tendillo played in all Spain's matches in the World Cup finals this year and has for some time been coveted by the big clubs. Earlier this year Real Madrid were considering offering star forward Juanito in part-exchange.

ANGEL CASTELLANOS. Midfield. Aged 30 — with three caps for Spain. Born in Ciudad Real, but signed from Las Palmas six years ago. Appeared as substitute in the 1980 CWC win over Arsenal.

CESAR FERRANDO (known as CESAR). Midfield. Born Taberna (Valencia) and aged 23. Signed professional in 1980.

DANIEL SOLSONA. Midfield. Aged 30 — with six caps for Spain. Born in Barcelona and was signed from Espanol in 1978. Solsona was once the most promising young attacking general in Spain, until hit by injury, then illness. Protests by Espanol fans prevented a move to neighbours Barcelona in 1977, but Espanol's cash problems were so intense they had to sell him for a cut-price £250,000 to Valencia the next summer. Surprisingly has won only six caps and was extremely bitter at being omitted from the World Cup squad. Played against Arsenal.

JAVIER SUBIRATS. Midfield. Aged 24, no caps. Born Castellon de la Plana and joined Valencia three years ago. Played against Arsenal in the 1980 CWC win.

FRANK ARNESEN. Midfield. Will be 26 on Sept 30 — 32 caps for Denmark. Joined Valencia a year ago from Ajax Amsterdam, who had discovered him six years before he had had a chance to make a name for himself in his home country even! Arnesen cost Valencia £600,000 but repaid that investment by finishing as the club's top league scorer last season with 13 goals. One of Valencia's two legally-permitted foreigners.

ENRIQUE SAURA. Midfield/outside right. Aged 27 — with 23 caps. Born Onda, Castellon, and signed for Valencia seven years ago. Played in the 1980 CWC win over Arsenal and in all Spain's games in the recent World Cup finals — albeit mostly as substitute.

MANUEL GALVEZ. Forward. Aged 24. Born Valencia. Signed in 1980.

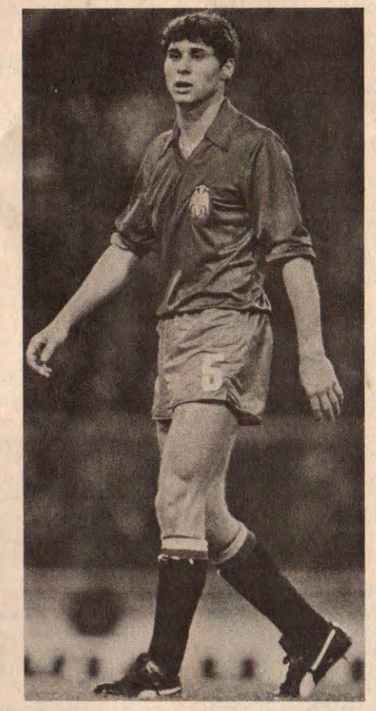
PABLO RODRIGUEZ (known as PABLO). Outside left. Aged 27. Born in Turun, Oviedo, and joined Valencia in 1977. His mixture of skill and commitment made him a great favourite of Di Stefano, when the Argentine was Valencia coach. Helped beat Arsenal in the CWC final of 1980.

DARIO FELMAN. Winger. Aged 30 — with one cap for Argentina. Felman joined Valencia initially in the autumn of 1978 after helping Boca Juniors of Buenos Aires win the South American club cup. At first he was accepted as a 'non-foreign import' because it was thought he had never played for Argentina. It later turned out, however, that he had made a brief appearance as substitute in the 1977 game against Hungary which saw Diego Maradona's Argentina debut, also as sub. Felman was banned from the Spanish league for a year until FIFA ruled that any player who has played less than 45 minutes in senior international football is not deemed an international for the purposes of nationality regulations! Felman is thus back in the squad.

MARIO KEMPES. Striker. Aged 27 — with 51 caps for Argentina. Played in all Argentina's five games in the recent World Cup finals, but with nothing like the success in 1978 when he was The Hero, scoring six goals, including two in the Final against Holland, to finish as top scorer. Kempes was then starring with Valencia, having earned his transfer from Rosario Central with the potential displayed in the 1974 finals in West Germany (Before which Kempes scored both Argentina's goals in a 2-2 draw against England at Wembley). In his first two seasons with Valencia Kempes was the league's top scorer. But later he fell out with coach Di Stefano, lost form, suffered a series of injuries and was unrecognisable in the 1980 CWC final against Arsenal. Went home to River Plate 18 months ago but missed much of last year because of injury and suspension and has lately returned to Valencia because River Plate cannot keep up the transfer payments.

SANTIAGO IDIGORAS. Striker. Aged 29 — with one cap for Spain. Began his career with Real Sociedad, leaving after six years to try his luck in Mexico with Puebla. When the Mexican economy collapsed and Puebla axed all their expensive Spanish stars, Idigoras returned to Spain to join Valencia this summer. He signed too late, however, to qualify to face Manchester United.

KURT WELZL. Centre forward. Aged 28 — with 22 caps for Austria. His future remains in doubt following the return of Kempes. Made his name with Innsbruck and was then swept away to AZ Alkmaar by manager Georg Kessler. Was Alkmaar's top scorer in their Dutch double years signing afterwards, in the summer of 1981, for Valencia. Had a disappointing first season in Spain, compounded when he made only three appearances — all as substitute — in the finals of the World Cup.



TWO of Valencia's Spanish World Cup stars . . . MIGUEL TENDILLO and ENRIQUE SAURA. (opposite page)

and how Valencia spoiled Maradona's debut

VALENCIA became the first club to put one over on Diego Maradona when they beat Barcelona 1-0 in the Luis Casanova

VALENCIA CLUB DE FUTBOL
Founded: September 18, 1918.
Colours: All white.
President: Jose Ramos Costa.
First-team coach: Manolo Mestre.
Cup-winners' Cup: 1980
Fairs' Cup: 1962, 1963. Runners-up: 1964.
Spanish league: 1942, 1944, 1947, 1971. Runners-up: 1948, 1949, 1953, 1972.
Spanish Cup: 1941, 1949, 1954, 1967, 1979.
Stadium: Estadio Luis Casanova (47,542).

stadium on the opening day of the new season.

A capacity crowd saw Maradona line up in opposition to World Cup team-mate Mario Kempes and Barcelona had the better of the first half. They took the lead in the 20th minute and it was Maradona himself who scored after a goalmouth scramble.

Spain's new manager, Miguel Munoz, saw both Solsona and Manolo collect bookings in a first half in which Valencia rarely troubled Barcelona goalkeeper Pedro Artola.

It was a different story in the second half, however. Maradona slipped out of the game and in the 47th minute Valencia equalised. Tendillo swept forward from defence – probably out of sheer frustration with his forwards – and exchanged passes with Idigoras and then Saura before firing the ball into the net.

Thus encourged Valencia took over more and more of the game, winning it ten minutes from time with a goal from Santiago Idigoras, their new signing from Puebla of Mexico. Saura took a corner, Botubot flicked it on with his head, and Idigoras nipped in behind the confused Barsa defence to prod the ball into the net.

The capacity crowd who had paid around £200,000 to see the game went home celebrating – as did Valancia skipper Jose Carrete, who had stuck dutifully to the task of subduing Maradona.

Even Valencia coach Manolo Mestra admitted that a draw would have been a fair result – "but in football there's plenty of injustice; sometimes you win, sometimes you lose."

***Valencia:** Sempere – Carrete, Tendillo, Arias, Botubot – Castellanos, Solsona (Roberto 78), Subirats (Pablo 64) – Saura, Idigoras, Kempes.*

***Barcelona:** Artola – Gerardo, Migueli, Alesanco, Manolo – Urbano (Alonso), Schuster, Victor – Marcos, Quini, Maradona.*

SPARTAK STIL L FAMOUS CLUB IN

by Eric Batty

DYNAMO Kiev and Dynamo Tbilisi are the best known teams of the moment in the Soviet Union, largely because we hear so little about the game there. But by tradition the Moscow clubs have led the way, and Spartak, now coming out of a poor spell have long been looked upon by Russian fans, much like Arsenal.

The Gunners made their name in the 1930s and had long-range fans right around the world who never fulfilled their dream of seeing Alex James and Co., play. And in Russia, Spartak were held in the same high esteem, with only their neighbours, Dynamo, to rival them.

Long before the league championship was first organised in 1936, matches between Spartak and Dynamo were played before capacity crowds.

Spartak changed their name many times, assuming their present title only in 1935 and in two consecutive seasons, those of 1938 and 1939 they took Cup and League doubles. Hence their link with the one time 'Mighty Arsenal' in the minds of Russian fans. They were also the first Russian team to adopt the WM playing system — just like Arsenal. Since the war Spartak have had many of Russia's finest players, men like Igor Netto, a left half who was idolised across the country, and centre forward Nikita Simonian who knocked in 179 goals in league games. Later this same Simonian was to take Spartak to the Russian league title as manager and boss the Russian national team.

Sergei Salnikov, an inside left of infinite skill was another fine player that I saw play for Spartak, though he never seemed able to use his talents to the best advantage.

I saw all these three players in the fifties, but as the game has declined everywhere in terms of basic skills, so that Russians have been affected too and really brilliant players are hard to find.

Unless my memory is letting me down, it is a long time since they have played in England, but they do have links with the English game in post-war football — and have played against Arsenal!

In 1954, when the Russians were emerging from their spell in splendid isolation, Arsenal flew to Moscow. They lost 1-2 to Spartak and were hammered 5-0 by Dynamo.

Spartak also played at home and away to Wolverhampton Wanderers, then the English champions under Stan Cullis. In Moscow, Spartak beat Wolves by 3-0 in 1955, though they had been crushed 4-1 by Wolves at Molineux a year earlier. Clearly, playing at home made a big difference, just as it does in the European competitions today.

Spartak draw their players from all over the Soviet Union. Nikita Simonian was from Armenia, in the deep south, for example, while Netto was born in what used to be the independent Republic of Estonia — even though he lived most of his life in Moscow.

This has been true since the club's formation in 1922, entirely because it is a very big trade union that backs them and pays their bills in the system that dominates the game in Eastern Europe. The club of a giant Union to which a swarm of different types of workers belong — from teachers and building workers to hospital staff and civil servants.

Moscow Spartak goalkeeper Rinat Dassayev, currently first choice for the national side.

They are a multi-sports club with sections across Russia, so young boys playing basketball for the local Spartak club may be 500 miles from Moscow where in their leisure hours many workers play chess which is extremely popular in Russia, do so at their local Spartak club in the capital. The club has sections for practically every field of leisure time activity with their footbal club just the best known show-piece.

Spartak play at the enormous Lenin Stadium with 102,000 seats. It will be packed solid for the Asenal game but for league matches the Russians are suffering in terms of attendances, just like everyone else. Strangely they also have a problem with hooliganism, and Spartak, precisely like their English counterparts, are powerless. As my *World Soccer* friend of many years, Terry Bushell has pointed out, all-seaters are no answer for the hooligans simply stand up and leave their seats!

The present Spartak team is entirely the product of one man, Konstantin Beskov. He was an inside forward in the Moscow Dynamo side that visited Britain in 1945 and created such a good impression; on the field if not off it.

Despite their proud traditions, Spartak declined after Nikita Simonian had led them to the championship and then been appointed national team manager. Slowly they slipped from grace and were finally relegated. But as a Second Division club they appointed Beskov, a much travelled man who had been manager (all with distinction) of Dynamo Moscow, the Moscow Army team ZDSA, and he even led Zarga Voroshilovgrad to undreamed of successes during a spell when none of the big clubs wanted him.

Beskov led them back up in only one season and two years later steered Spartak to the First Division championship in 1979. The Russian FA was so impressed with Beskov's Spartak that in 1979 they gave him two more tasks while he insisted on staying on as boss of Spartak, which made him a very busy man.

He followed Simonian in the hot seat as Russian manager but they were already out of the qualifying race for the 1980 European Championship, having dropped silly points. Beskov not only looked after the full national team but also their Olympic Games team in which, for 1980, as the host country they were expected to win.

In the event, Russia, at home, did not even reach the final — which pleased no one in a high place — but Beskov still had the World Cup team and Russia qualified comfortably. Then, in Spain, the Russians failed to impress, in my opinion, partly due to the unaccustomed heat in the deep south, but also because his star players failed to do it when it was needed. In particular I would cite two normally fine players, Oleg Blokin and *libero* Alexander Chivadze. Other good players failed too, and inevitably the axe fell and for the second time the national team job has gone to the Dynamo Kiev manager Valerij Lobanovsky, who did not exactly cover himself with glory in his first spell.

I have the greatest respect for Mr Beskov. He was boss of the Russian team that reached the 1964 European championship, only to lose 2-1 to the home side, Spain. And his recent stint with the national team, surely his last as he is now over sixty, was his third attempt to do something for Russia. I personally believe that the Russians do not help themselves too much. They assume, quite wrongly, that the players will do anything for 'mother Russia' just out of a sense of duty.

While other national team managers were able to say to their players, "Look, it's 30,000 US dollars if you reach the semi-finals and 50,000 if you win the World Cup," Beskov, like all his predecessors, kept his players *in camp*, training and playing every day, in Russia and abroad, for very long spells before the World Cup.

Away from wives, children and friends for long periods the Russian players get browned off, and that simply does not help at all. If there is no stick in the Russian system, there is no carrot either.

With four players in Russia's World Cup 22 away, preparing for, or playing in Spain for most of the season, Spartak inevitably suffered, not least because Beskov had to leave the running of his team to an assistant, and of course it is 'his' team, which he created. Thus, after the World Cup, Beskov took over a side in mid-table, for the Russian league had gone on throughout the spring and summer.

But with Beskov and his best players back the results improved at once and they zoomed up the table after unfashionable league leaders Dynamo Minsk. And as I write they are now third, and looking good.

L THE MOST IN USSR

One final point which, though of great interest to me, is of Russian football rather than an innovation of Spartak's, the Russians had an interesting idea way back in the 1920s when Russian football was really just the Moscow local league.

They introduced a system called 'factors' which influenced results, so that it wasn't good enough just to win. These 'factors' included things like players being sent off or cautioned; violent or un-sporting play, kicking off late or playing an ineligable player.

With this system the team that won the league on the normal points system was pushed down to fourth!

It was quickly abandoned in the face of mounting protests, but with the game generally in the poor state it is, something like the simple 'factor' of playing attacking or entertaining football could profitably be tied in with goals to produce an answer to many of our present problems — if someone could come up with a way to make it work.

The players

RENAT DASAYEV: Goalkeeper. Aged 25 with 29 caps. The best known of Spartak's present players, due to his fine performances in the World Cup which earned him a high place in world rankings with many critics thinking he is now the best goalkeeper in the world. Has only been a first choice at club level since the 1979 campaign, joining Spartak from an unknown club, Volgar. His courage, going down at feet, earned him a nasty injury in his early days, but he recovered to be invited to Moscow. A student of Physical Education now, he is extremely safe; excellent on high crosses and very agile with quick, safe hands, and very often produces brilliant saves both to the left and right. He gets up well to the top corners, being a big man, but also gets down to the bottom corners just as easily. A very difficult man to beat, he is clearly extremely fit and obviously works hard at his game under a coach that knows the business.

ALEKSEI PRUDNIKOV: Goalkeeper. Only 22 years old, he was elevated to the first team this season with Dasayev away much of the time and though previously inexperienced did well enough to secure himself a future somewhere, though clearly not with Spartak with Dasayev so good and just a little older.

ALEXANDR MIRZOJAN: Defender. Now 31 years old he is the veteran of the side and unsure of his place at full back. Born in Armenia he is a one-club man, and a steady and reliable defender rather than a brilliant one. Has lost the edge off his pace but that doesn't affect him in the role at which he excels, taking penalty kicks. He very rarely misses, basically because he has supreme confidence and keeps everyone guessing by being able to place his shots firmly and accurately, low and just inside either post and now and again just blasts them.

ALEXANDR SOROKIN: Defender. 26 years old he was signed from Spartak Volgograd but has settled down to become a regular choice and played in the 1980 Russian Olympic Games team. A strong tackler, he likes to move up in the modern manner and is encouraged to do so, but is not so happy under pressure when dealing with the ball in the air. Scores a few goals and is an intelligent player, both in his covering and personal positioning, which is not surprising as he is a teacher off the field.

OLEG ROMANEV: Defender. A strongly built and very quick player who is 28 years old and was in Russia's World Cup 22, even though he has yet to earn his first full cap. He did play however in the Soviet team in the 1980 Olympics soccer tournament and Mr Beskov was pleased with his performances and took him to Spain because he knows him well, just in case he needed a reliable centre back. Another teacher of Physical Education he is the complete defender, but excels in the air.

GUENADIJ MOROZOV: Defender. Only 20 years old he has come through from the Spartak Youth team to claim a regular place at left back this season, and could well become a star. A strong and reliable defender he is very good in the air and goes upfield for all set-pieces and heads quite a few goals. He too likes to move up the flanks to help in attack and is very quick in recovering when the move breaks down.

SERGEI SHAVLO: Midfield. Yet another Spartak veteran of the 1980 Olympics football team and at 25 his critics say he lacks consistency. He joined Spartak from a little club in the Ukraine and unusually for men from that region, has blond hair. He is quick over the all-important short distances with plenty of stamina and at his best is an accurate and intelligent passer of the ball, but appears to lack confidence and can be put off his normal game.

Sergei Rodionov of Moscow Spartak.

BORIS POZDNJAKOV: Midfield. Another 20-year-old player who got his first team opportunity early because of the absence, on World Cup duty of four Spartak players — and more in the forty that also missed the first half of the season. A gifted player with the ball at his feet the critics claim he overdoes his mazey dribbles when a shrewd pass would achieve much more and he has a powerful shot but is not inclined to use it very often, apparantly a member of the old school that wants to walk the ball into the net.

ALEXANDR KALASHNIKOV: Midfield. Aged 25, he started his career as a goalscoring forward, at which he was quite successful but Konstantin Bekov converted him to fill the role of midfield general. Very talented with the ball he is one of the biggest favourites with the fans and is the key man in the engine room, still chipping in a few goals.

EDGAR GESS: Striker. A very good player at club level but at 28 unlikely to be anything more now, though he did earn a place in the 1980 Olympics side. Hails from the little known Republic of Tadzhik and is another teacher off the field. Lines up as an orthodox outside right and season after season he contributes a respectable number of goals without ever looking as if he could become one of the country's top marksmen.

YURI GAVRILOV: Forward. Another of Spartak's World Cup stars, now 29 years old and at his peak. Possesses good all-round basic skills, a complete player who both gets goals himself and lays on chances for his colleagues. Frequently hits goals from up to twenty five yards but he is not content to wait upfield as an orthodox spearhead, often dropping back to forage for the ball and get attacks moving.

SERGEI SHVETSOV: Winger. Anther younger player, only 22, who got his chance this season and can play on either wing. He gets goals quite often and is particularly fast with good basic skills and the ability to get in accurate crosses, lays the ball off well and gets his shots and headers on target. Perhaps the most promising unknown until this season amongst the Spartak reserves.

FYODOR CHERENKOV: Midfield/forward. Moscow-born and 23 years old he is in and out of the side. He has very good skills and is bright, with plenty of attacking ideas, but like many modern players in Eastern Europe he simply will not work hard enough in training to get himself fit enough for the hardworking style that the game now demands. As a result he often begins a match well but fades. He too played in the 1980 Moscow Olympics football team.

SERGEI RODIONOV: Forward. The fourth, but little known member of Russia's World Cup squad from Spartak. Played twice in Spain, once as an 89th minute substitute and though he played in the 1980 Olympics team and now has four full caps, he has a bright future before him, if he takes the chances. Only 20 years old he is an all-round striker with a bit of everything and specially good in the air. Off the field he is a student, but on it he has courage and determination; works hard and never gives up, and gets goals regularly. The attack very often hinges on him if Gavrilov has an off day.

VADIM SOCHNOV: Defender. Aged 25, he is an other former striker converted by Mr Beskov who plays him at right back. He competes with Mirzoyan for the right back spot and appears due to make the position his own, though like Mirzoyan he can also play on the left. He too is adept at moving upfield when the chance arises, combining well with his winger and as well as getting in crosses aimed at the head of Rodionov, he also gets into shooting positions himself to get the odd goal.

POLAND'S FINE RECORD

POLAND are one of the outstanding World Cup competitors of the past decade. Third in West Germany in 1974, they reached the second round in Argentina, then stepped back up to grab third place this past summer. These are the men who went to Spain to make all that possible . . .

The manager

ANTONI PIECHNICZEK. Aged 40. Piechniczek was an international inside right or centre forward with Legia Warsaw and Ruch Chorzow in the 1960s. He helped Legia reach the CWC quarter finals in 1965. After retiring he earned national acclaim with his guidance of unfashionable Odra Opole, was voted Manager of the Year in 1979, and in January 1981 replaced Ryszard Kulesza as national manager. Piechniczek played three full internationals and seven times for the Olympic team. On returning to Poland after the World Cup finals. Piechniczek announced that for family reasons he wanted to quit. Edmund Zientara was promoted from assistant as caretaker — and then Piechniczek said he wanted his job back.

The players

Josef MLYNARCZYK. Goalkeeper. 29/15. Widzew Lodz. Has just helped Widzew win the championship for the second successive season. It was Mlynarczyk who provoked the national squad storm on the eve of the first match of the qualifiers, away to Malta. He turned up drunk at the airport and was ordered home. Widzew team-mates such as Boniek, Zmuda and Terletzki said that unless Mlynarczyk went on the trip they would refuse to play. In the end Mlynarczyk went with the team. He was later banned for a year, reduced to eight months, and was reinstated in time to be first choice at the World Cup finals. Played in all seven games in Spain, conceding five goals.

Piotr MOWLIK. 31/21. Goalkeeper. Lech Poznan. In and out of the national team for five years. A member of the 1978 squad of 40.

Jacek KAZIMIERSKI. Goalkeeper. 23/1. Legia Warsaw. Regular in the under-21 team who reached the European quarter finals before falling to England. Made his international debut in the 4-0 win over France in Paris with which Poland began the new season.

Marek DZIUBA. Right back but can also play in the middle of defence and midfield. 27/47. LKS Lodz. In the 1978 squad of 40. Has captained the national team.

Pawel JANAS. Centre back. 29/46. Legia Warsaw now Auxerre (France). Nicknamed the Polish Beckenbauer for his skill and refusal to be rushed. A former national captain.

Jan JALOCHA. Centre back. 25/12. Wisla Krakow. Can also play left back. Likes to move upfield for a crack at goal and scored three times in the league last season. Missed the latter stages of the World Cup finals because of injury but was back for the season's opener against France in Paris.

Transfer

Wladyslaw ZMUDA. Centre back. 28/80. Widzew Lodz now Verona. Emerged as a star in the 1974 finals in West Germany when he was a member of the team who finished third. Established a fine defensive partnership with Jerzy Gorgon. After the finals Zmuda demanded a transfer to the West and was suspended for six months by his club, Gwardia Warsaw. Moved then to Slask Wroclaw, whom he helped win the league before moving yet again, this time to Widzew — for more championship success last season. Zmuda was in trouble twice in the past two and half years. First he was suspended — along with several other stars — for alleged drunkenness and vandalism during a foreign tour, then he was banned again for six months in the Mlynarczyk row. That he should come back from suspension three times underlines how much the Poles need his ability to hold the defence together. Joined Verona after the World Cup finals but missed the start of the Italian season because of a serious knee injury and operation.

Piotr SKROBOWSKI. Defender/midfield. 21/14. Wisla Krakow. Rated one of the outstanding prospects in Polish football.

Roman WOJCICKI. Defender/midfield. 21/14. Wisla Kra- 2 in the tallest player in the squad. Formerly with Odra Opole under Piechniczek. Was in the squad of 22 in Argentina but didn't get a game.

Tadeusz DOLNY. Defender. 24/5. Gornik Zarbrze. A surprise late inclusion in the World Cup party in place of veteran Brugge defender Antoni Szymanowski. Didn't play in Spain, but appeared in the centre of defence in the recent 4-0 win over France in Paris.

Zbigniew BONIEK. Midfield/attack. 25/56. Widzew Lodz, now Juventus. Cost £1.2 million, Boniek is the most expensive Eastern Bloc player of all time. Ironically it was his penalty 18 months ago which knocked Juve out of the UEFA Cup. Since then Juve pulling all the strings to buy him (see facing page).

Wlodzimierz CIOLEK. Midfield. 26/17. Stal Mielev. Good long-range shot. Has longed been called one of Poland's most talented players, but has yet to live up to the potential. Emerged as a very handy man to have on the substitutes' bench in the World Cup finals.

Janusz KUPCEWICZ. Midfield. 27/16. Arka Gdynia now Lech Poznan. Sadly injury-prone. Played in the finals in Argentina and battled his way into the team in Spain thenks to a hard-working midfield performance in the 5-1 win over Peru.

Stefan MAJEWSKI. Midfield. 26/23. Legia Warsaw. When he was younger he was called the new Deyna, since he filled the same position in the same club. Hasn't developed as well as had been hoped and was full back in Spain.

Waldemar MATYSIK. Midfield. 21/12. Gornik Zabrze. A revelation last season and outstanding in the decisive 3-2 away win over East Germany in the qualifiers. Hard worker.

Andrzej BUNCOL. Attack/midfield. 23/15. Legia Warsaw. One of five Legia players who went to Spain. Hard worker who scored the goal which beat East Germany 1-0 in the qualifer in Chorzow.

Topped

Grzegorz LATO. Attack/midfield. 32/103. Lokeren, Belgium. Earned his fame as a striker in the 1974 World Cup, when he was the finals top scorer with seven goals. One of those goals took Poland to a 1-0 victory over Brazil in the third-place match. Lato played for Stal Mielec until after the finals in 1978, when he joined Lokeren in Belguin at the behest of ex-international team-mate Wlodek Lubanski. Piechniczek recalled Lato successfully against the East Germans. Topped 100 caps during the World Cup finals and afterwards announced his international retirement. A transfer to Atlante of Mexico was set up but at the time of writing this still hangs in the balance because of Mexican financial and economic problems.

Andrzej SZARMACH. Attack. 32/61. Auxerre, France. Stepped in for the injured Lubanski at the World Cup finals in 1974 and was badly missed in attack when injury forced him out of the decisive second round match with West Germany. Returned for the third-place victory. Szarmach was then with Gornik. After a stormy six months he then gained a transfer to Stal Mielec, where he played alongside Lato again. In the middle of the 1980-81 season, Szarmach was transferred to French club Auxerre. Last season he scored 24 goals to finish runner-up to Delio Onnis, the Argentine of Tours, who scored 29. Played only twice in Spain, but scored in the 3-2 victory over France in the third-place match. Now retired from internationals.

Andrzej IWAN. Attack. 22/21. Wisla Krakow. Was the youngest player in the World Cup squads when he went to Argentina at 18 in 1978. Soon after returning home he blotted his reputation, however, by an involvement in a bar punch-up. That cost Iwan a year's suspension and he was never quite picked up his international career since.

Marek KUSTO. Attack. 28/15. Legia Warsaw. A winger who can play on left or right and likes a crack at goal. A member of the 1978 squad in Argentina.

Andrzej PALASZ. Attack. 22/14. Gornik Zarbrze. One of Poland's most promising young players. Can function either as schemer or striker. The best young player Gornik have produced since Wlodzimierz Lubanski.

Wlodzinierz (Wlodek) SMOLAREK. Winger. 25/19. Widzew Lodz. International debut in 1981. He was Poland's top scorer with five goals in the qualifiers — including two which helped beat East Germany in the decisive game in Leipzig. In the absences of Zmuda, Boniek and Lato he was promoted to national team captain for the 4-0 victory over France in Paris with which Poland began this season — some consolation for missing the third-place match in Spain because of injury.

Player	0-0 v Italy in Vigo	0-0 v Cam in Coruna	5-1 v Peru in Coruna	3-0 v Bel in N/Cmp	0-0 v Sov in N/Cmp	0-2 v Italy in N/Cmp	3-2 v Fra in Alcnte
MLYNARCZYK	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
MAJEWSKI	x	x	x	x	x	x	x1
ZMUDA	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
JANAS	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
JALOCHA	x	x	x*				
LATO	x	x	x1	x	x	x	x
MATYSIK	x		x	x	x	x	x*
BONIEK	x	x	x1	x3	x		x
BUNCOL	x	x	x1	x	x	x	x
IWAN	x*	x*					
SMOLAREK	x	x	x+1	x	x	x+	
KUSTO	s*	s+				s+	
PALASZ		x+				s*	
SZARMACH		s*					x1
DZIUBA			s*	x	x1	x	x
KUPCEWICZ			x	x*	x*	x	x1
CIOLEK			s+1	s*	s*	x*	
WOJCICKI							s*

AT a price of £1.2 million, Zbigniew Boniek is the most expensive player ever to emerge from Eastern Europe.

He's also one of the most unusual. Previous to his signing for Italian champions Juventus, there had been only two ways in which an Iron Curtain star could move to the West.

The one path is that taken by so many ageing Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Yugoslav and now even Bulgarian players; thanks to a free transfer permit granted by their home federations in return for loyal, faithful service over the seasons.

Generally that permit is not granted until a player is 28 or 30 – when, in effect, the best days of his career are behind him. Poland's Kazimierz Denya, Hungary's Laszlo Balint and Bulgaria's Andrei Jeliazkov are all recent examples of the sort of players. Big names – but with their reputation founded in the past, not on future potential.

Zbigbiew Boniek, however, does not fall into this category. Neither can he, in any way, be classed with the runaways – the players who take advantage of a club trip to the West to seek asylum. Ferenc Puskas, Sandor Kocsics and Co in the mid-1950s were the first practitioners of this escape route, and have been followed since by a steady trickle of talent.

Hungary's Zoltan Varga, East Germany's Jürgen Pahl, Norbet Nachtweih and Lutz Eigendorf, Rumania's Marcel Radacanu are examples of these renegades.

Boniek has moved to Italy, however, with the full blessing of the Polish government and football federation – the government in particular. He's still only 26, well inside the usual age limit. But then, Boneik is no ordinary player.

He is one of the finest Poland has produced. And that's a fact which Juventus recognised four years ago when he appeared in the Polish team in the World Cup in Argentina – even though Boniek arrived with a reputation as a star of tomorrow, and was a little disappointing.

But after Widzew Lodz, his club, put Juventus out of Europe a year later president Giampiero Boniperti began the first steps towards signing his dream player.

Boniek had been born in Bydgoszcz on March 3, 1956. His father was a useful player in the local team who quickly recognised his son's potential and guided his early steps in the game. Starting with a local club in Zawisa, Boniek soon came to the attention of Widzew Lodz – as a stopper centre-back!

He stood out because of his authority and skill, and it wasn't long before Wiszew were moving him up through the youth and reserve teams and up through the positions into midfield and then attack.

It was here he played in Argentina in 1978. He appreciates that the World Cup that year was hardly a success for the Poles.

"I was new in the team," he recalls. "The others had been around for at least six years. One or two had been in the team which won the 1972 Olympics, and plenty of the others in the side who finished third in the 1974 World Cup. They formed a sort of clique which didn't have much time for the new boys like me.

"That made me all the more determined to break through. And all the more determined. too, that if I should make a successful career that I would try to keep my feet on the ground and go out of my way to help the youngsters."

A year later, in the summer of 1979, Boniek went back to Argentina to play in Enzo Bearzot's World XI which took on the then world champions in a match to celebrate the anniversary of the Argentines' 1978 triumph.

Boniek was the only Pole chosen so he was put to share a hotel room with Michel Plantini. They got on well. Boniek's wife was a French teacher and he had picked up enough of the language to make conversation with Platini – little dreaming that three years later they would still be following identical paths, starring in a World Cup then signing for Juventus!

In the meantime not everything ran smoothly. Twice Boniek was suspended by the Polish authorities for indiscipline: once after a skirmish with journalists following a European championship tie in Holland, then again for leading a player revolt in support of Widzew goalkeeper Mlynarczyk, who had turned up the worse for wear before the flight out for the World Cup qualifier in Malta.

With such a background Boniek may have a little trouble adapting to the rigid discipline traditionally imposed by Italian clubs. But he's a strong character who won't be easily cowed into toeing the line. He amazed the Spanish press and officials during the World Cup finals by nightclubbing until four in the morning on the eve of Poland's semi-final against Italy.

Boniek, of course, couldn't play in that match because of suspension following the collection of two yellow cards. But it was still a remarkable display of independence by one of the few players in the tournament not content to hide behind the walls of security and secrecy.

That semi-final was as far as Poland got, of course. They would win the third place match by 3-2 against France. But that was one of the three matches out of seven in which Poland managed to score. The first match when Poland's attack caught light was the 5-1 victory over Peru in La Coruna. Boniek was in his element. After having one goal disallowed because of offside against Smolarek, he hit the bar, created a goal for Grzegorz Lato and then scored himself after good work by Buncol.

In the very next match. Poland's second phase opener against Belguim, Boniek was unstoppable – his brilliant hat-trick a gesture of derision to Arsenal and Leeds who had both wondered whether they could prise him out of Poland and decided not to bother trying.

His first goal was a ferocious first time drive as he ran in to meet a short cross from Lato; his second a well-judged header; his third a skillful solo effort after going round the goalkeeper.

Now that sort of explosive talent is to be seen in the Italian league. Boniek, his wife Viersia and five-year-old daughter Caroline arrived in Turin on July 20 for the first days of his three-year contract.

Juventus spared no effort to sign Boniek – using all the diplomatic and business channels open through the office of Pope John Paul and the motor industry links of Fiat (Italy) with Polski-Fiat in Poland.

In the end, the Polish government at high level were involved – realising that their troubled economy couldn't refuse the infusion of so hard currency. The only remaining problem now rests with Boniek; showing Juventus that he can pay it all back.

Argentine clubs play down the Libertadores Cup

from ERIC WEIL

WITH the World Cup over, play re-started in the Libertadores Cup — the South American club championship — in which groups 1, 2 and 4 remained to be completed . . . and Argentine clubs, for once, were not obsessed with winning the trophy (to the detriment of their league campaigns) with the result that at press-time they faced an uphill battle to qualify for the semi finals against Bolivian rivals.

For one thing, Argentina's representatives, their most popular clubs, River Plate and Boca Juniors, did now now have the strong playing squads of previous years which allowed them to rest their leading stars in league matches for their cup campaign and for another, facing Bolivian clubs at home in La Paz and Cochabamba, both around 2,500 metres above sea level, was not only a handicap in the actual matches, but also left players exhausted for the following weekend's first division match.

Both clubs started off with 1-0 defeats in Bolivia. First River Plate faced The Strongest in La Paz where the home team were in command from the start and World Cup goalkeeper Fillol was made to work hard. The goal, scored by Huguenet, came three minutes after half-time and then Fillol had to go off feeling dizzy.

A few days later it was Boca Juniors' turn against Jorge Wilsterman in Cochabamba and their oldest player, goalkeeper Gatti — then completing 20 years in first division soccer — was their hero as he kept them in the game with astounding saves. But he could not stop Bengolea's shot seven minutes from the end.

Both the Argentine clubs claimed the points because, they said, their rivals had included players (from an Argentine provincial club) whose transfers had not been completed. There was a chance that River's claim might prosper although the transfer of Palacious (from Central Norte Salta) had since been completed and the South American Football Confederation allows 60 days for completion.

Next, Boca and River played a dull 0-0 draw on the former's field which was marked only by the fact that it was River Plate's 100th match in the competition for which they had qualified ten times — in both cases more than any other Argentine club.

Boca Juniors then went to Bolivia to face The Strongest without six first team players on the advice of their club doctor because they would take too long to recuperate, it was said. Coach Carmelo Faraone pointed out however that even if they took their complete reserve team, the players would react the same way in the altitude.

Nearer the truth is that after having surrendered a home point to River Plate, Boca's management thought that their cup chances were minimal. As it turned out, the weakened Boca team played their best match in the competition so far with goalkeeper Gatti again making some outstanding saves, but they lost 1-0 and were bitterly critical of Peruvian referee, Edison Perez — not so much for the goal (a penalty by Argentine Ignacio Pena after 67 minutes after he had been brought down in a rugby tackle by Gatti as a last resort), but the one he did not allow, Gareca's "equaliser" in the final minutes, and his general handling of the game. Post-match incidents resulted in Gatti being suspended for three games and Cordoba (sent off earlier with the home player Angulo) for two.

Just before press-time, The Strongest beat Wilsterman 2-1 on the latters field in Cochabamba for their third victory on the run which left them with six points and a good chance of winning their group even though they now had to play both River Plate and Boca Juniors in Buenos Aires.

Huguenet scores for Bolivian champions, The Strongest, in their 1-0 win over Argentina's River Plate in La Paz for the Libertadores Cup.

Group 2 started with Penarol beating their Uruguayan rivals, Defensor, 3-0 with an outstanding match from veteran centre-forward Morena who scored two of the goals — taking this total to 602 in first class games — and laying on the third for Vargas. Meanwhile the other two teams in the group, Brazil's Sao Paulo and Gremio (Port Alegre) played to a 2-2 draw on the former's field that prolific scorer Serginho getting both for Sao Paulo.

Group 4 had been started before the World Cup with Ecuador's representatives, Barcelona and Liga Deportiva Universitaria, beating each other on home ground, but the favourites for top place here are really the Chilean teams which makes it important that vice-champions Cobreloa — last year's losing Libertadores Cup finalists — gained a 0-0 draw away to Santiago's Colo Colo, the Chilean champions. Cobreloa's home ground in Calama also causes altitude problems to visiting teams — it is 2,400 metres above sea level and a real dust bowl — and this favours the home team which did not lose a match in the competition there last year.

Contract

While Brazil's national team coach, Tele Santana, said earlier tht he would stay on in his post after his contract expires at the end of the year if Brazilian FA president Giulite Coutinho is re-elected and invites him to do so, but now he says he is almost sure to leave and there are strong rumours that a Saudi Arabian club has offered him a million dollars to take over as coach.

A possible replacement could be Brazilian Carlos Alberto Parreira who took Kuwait to the World Cup finals. Also being mentioned as a hot candidate is Paulo Cesar Carpegbiani who is 35 and only gave up playing for Flamengo last year after which he took over as coach at the club which ended the year as world club champions . . . but the argument is that he found a ready made team.

Apart from a coach, Brazil might have to find a completely new team for the 1986 World Cup although Santana has frequently said that "A great player's age does not matter."

Physical training coach Gilberto Tim is confident that with the latest physical training methods which lengthen an athlete's useful life the players who went to Spain will still be good enough for Columbia . . . but Zico will then be 33, Falcao and Socrates 32 and Junior 31 to name only some of the leading stars. In fact, only defenders Leandro and Luisinho and winger Eder will be under 30.

If the current team were maintained, its average age in 1986 would be 30.2 . . . and a powerful argument is that the team which won the World Cup for the second time running in Chile in 1962 had an average age of 30.3.

Argentine national team coach Cesar Menotti restarts work with the national junior team due to go to the South American Junior Championships next year which qualify for the next Junior World Cup. Menotti's contract with the FA expires at the end of the year. He says he may be willing to continue if conditions are right (see article) and meanwhile is considering several offers from abroad.

To stay?

Argentina's Cesar Menotti, meanwhile, is also undecided whether to to when his contract expires at the end of the year or stay . . . if asked.

Possible replacements being talked about are Carlos Griguol (FC Oeste) and Carlos Bilardo (Estudiantes de La Plata) who are coaching the two Argentine first division teams showing the best technical preparation at the moment. Both have said they are not interested at the moment, but added that it would be a great honour.

Menotti has said he would continue if the conditions were right . . . and they may not be. The cost of his high salary and team preparation has in the past been paid for with a two per cent profit of soccer pools handled here by the government which has already told the FA that this would be put to other use in future. Also, Menotti, had always been able to take players from their club teams, sometimes for lengthy periods — which affected match gates — and now that the World Cup is lost, clubs are not willing to give the coach this facility.

The Peruvian FA intended to sanction players who did not return to Peru immediately after the team's elimination from the World Cup in Spain, possibly banning them from future national teams. The players involved are German Leguia, Jorge Olaechea, Ramon Quiroga, Percy Rojas, Geronimo Barbadillo and Teofilo Cubillas although the last two mentioned returned to Italy and the United States to rejoin clubs for which they play.

Colombia?

TO play or not to play in Columbia in 1986 continues to be the question.

Alfonso Senior, president of the Columbian FA at the time Columbia was chosen by FIFA as the site for the 1986 World Cup finals in 1970 (when he was one of the prime movers to get the event) is practically on his own in fighting to maintain his country as the venue.

Newly elected president, Belisario Betancur, who has already said he will not touch a cent of government money for it, holds out little hope, but has recently said that he will have a study made on costs and possible advantages to the country.

This will be the sixth such study since Colombia was chosen as the venue.

FIFA president Joao Havelange continues to maintain that the next World Cup finals will be held in Columbia, but his committee has also said that no country can stage the World Cup without government backing . . . and this is not yet forthcoming in Columbia.

A FIFA committee was due to visit Colombia in September to look at preparations and they will obviously see nothing. FIFA would then meet in December to take a definite decision. Betancur's cost study was not likely to be completed much before then.

Colombian FA officials say that if their country really can not stage the World Cup, they will back Brazil to take over and the South American Football Confederation president, Teofilo Salinas, has thrown in his weight saying that the Confederation will not accept the venue being moved away from the South American continent.

Other tournaments

Brazil's FA has asked FIFA for permission to organise a "Mundialito" tournament between former World Cup winners, similar to that held in Uruguay at the beginning of last year, in 1984.

Countries eligible are still Argentina, Italy, West Germany, England, Brazil and Uruguay and the Brazilian FA's idea is to hold a 21-day tournament in four towns with all participants playing each other.

The Joao Havelange Junior Cup, to be held for the second time in Mexico (Acapulco) in November has six confirmed participants — Soviet Union, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, United States and Mexico.

Panathinaikos' newcomer Tsheu La Ling in action for Holland against England at Wembley in May.

LATE START FOR GREECE IN EUROPE

from Lou Economopoulos in Athens

THE GREEKS are known for being traditionally late and in soccer they are no exception.

While the rest of Europe is in full swing it wasn't until Sunday, September 19 that the whistle blew to start the Greek First Division.

The basic reason for the season starting so late was that the European athletics championships took place in Athens the second week in September and that's where all the sports attention was.

The biggest pre-season match was when AEK and Olympiakos clashed befor 35,000 fans. The teams drew 2-2.

"We deserved a big victory," said the Yugoslav manager of AEK, Zlatko Cajkouskikofsi. "We were unlucky. But the match showed that we are on the right road. We are strong and ready for the start of the season."

Olympiakos manager Alketas Panagoulias said his team "didn't play badly," and that his squad were also ready for a successful season.

The big match had its ugly side, though. Violence, which plagued the First Division last season, returned.

Police arrected 20 youths for causing disturbances before the match and there were fist fights among the two sets of rivals fans.

"The problem of violence at the grounds is a social problem and has no connection with soccer," said AEK general secretary Nikos Stratos. Both AEK and Olympiakos officials called on the government to take tough action against hooligans."

Violence also occured during the friendly between AEK and Albanian champions Nendori. After that contest, won by the Albanians 1-0, Cajkouski made a gesture to angry fans who hurled insults at him and his team after a poor performance by AEK watched by 5,000 fans.

AEK also lost at home to Banik Ostrava of Czechoslavakia 1-0 before 12,000 fans but bounced back to take a 1-0 decision over Manchester City. An own goal by Dennis Tueart lifted AEK to the win.

Manchester City also had their hands full with Olympiakos who dealt the Englishman a 2-0 defeat.

"Our victory has added importance because the English are ready to begin their league competition," said Panagoulias after the Manchester City contest, watched by 15,000 fans. "Our team will be much better. Our only problem will be the lack of a home ground." Olympiakos' Karaiskaki Stadium, which holds 45,000 fans, is undergoing repairs after damage caused by last year's earthquake. The Pireaus club will play their home games in the first half of the season at the AEK ground in Nea Philadelphia (Athens). There was talk that Olympiakos would be using the new Olympic Stadium (80,000 seats) but the government turned down that request for fear that Olympiakos fans, known for their bad behaviour, would destroy it. The government did allow Olympiakos, however, to take on Oesters Vaxjo there in the Champions' Cup.

Olympiakos have picked up 32-year-old Czechoslovakian star half-back Marion Masny for an unannounced sum. The league champions also purchased Nikos Argiroulis, a 12-year veteran at Larisa for 3.2 million drachmas and Greek international full-back from PACK, Giannis Gounaris.

Olympiakos had a pair of draws in other pre-season games: 2-2 at home with Banik of Czechoslovakia and 1-1 in Salonica with Hercules.

Panathinaikos, after good performances in West Germany (including a 3-2 loss to Eintracht), have not put on a good showing to home town fans despite a powerful looking line-up, losing also by 3-2 to Hungarian champions Gyor.

"Our defensive players dribbled the ball too much and made crucial mistakes which cost us two goals," said Panathinaikos Rumanian manager Stefan Kovacs.

Kovacs, who helped lift Ajax to glory, scolded his players after a 1-0 home loss to Bohemians Prague before 15,000 disappointed fans.

"You've started to alarm the fans before the season even begins," Kovacs told his players.

The winning goal by Bohemians was scored after a Panathinaikos fan blew a whistle and the home side stopped, thinking the referee had blown it. Thus Hrusha went in for an easy goal.

"Panathinaikos should operate like the professional team it is," said Kovacs, who wants to build a team which will have a defence like the Italians, a midfield like the Brazilians and a forward line like the French and English.

Panathinaikos continue to play ducks and drakes with their players and their rich owners, the Vardinoyannis brothers, continue to spend, spend, spend.

Since the oil and shipping tycoons took over the team in 1979, Panathianaikos have purchased more than 40 players (12 foreigners) and has been through six managers. Only half the players purchased are now with the team.

The club have spent some 500 million drachma on personnel. Yet all that money and all that talent did not bring positive results until last season when Panathinaikos won the cup.

So far this summer, Panathinaikos have spent 100 million drachmas on Tsheu La Ling from Ajax of Holland, Greek international backs Giannis Dontas and Ekias Berios form Apollon, two stars from Kastoria, goalkeeper Antonis Minou and half-back Argiris Papavasiliou, and four top-notch amateur players.

"I came to Panathinaikos thanks to Stefan Kovacs," said La Ling, who was purchased for 23 million drachmas. I respect him as a person and a manager. My new team will have no regrets they chose me. I will do well, regardless of what position I play in."

PAOK, who met France's Sochaux in the UEFA Cup, have purchased 29-year-old sweeper Holger Trimholt from Eintracht Brunswick and 21-year-old Rhodes star Giorgos Scartados.

Other interesting signings: Aris picked up Hungarian international goalie Sandor Gontar; Doxa got 28-year-old Bulgarian star half-back Lenski Barzov; OFI signed Rumanian forward Ntoro Nikolae and Peruvian Juan Ore while Macedonikos bought Rumanian half-back Sougarini.

Macedonikos are in the first division for the first time ever and hopes to improve on their attendance figures of last season. In 19 home matches, only 32,577 tickets were sold, with only 9,930 in the second-half of the season. The biggest 'draw' was 3,731 for Anagennisi Epanomis.

In general, attendances in the First Division last season were 5.4 per cent lower than the previous campaign. In fact, only six of the 18 clubs finished the season in profit. In all 2,502,338 fans attended the 306 matches (avg. 8,177). The previous season's total was 2,636,138 (8,614) while the 1979-1980 figure was 2,898,331 (9,471).

Panathinaikos fans had something to cheer about when two goals by Grigoris Haralambidis, last year's league leading scorer lifted Panathinaikos to a 2-1 decision over Aris.

"Aris belong among the big teams and aim to reach the top this season," said manager Antonis Georgiadis. "We did not have many new signings and will rely on basically the same team as last year."

Ethnikos, like Olympiakos, will be out of a stadium for the first half of the season. They also use Karaiskaki as their home grounds. So for the first half of the season they will be using second division Aegaleo's stadium.

The new manager of Ethnikos this season is ex-Bristol City boss Alan Dicks. He said: "It is still too early to say anything about my new team. The players show a lot of effort. I came to Greece to work. My efforts will show on the pitch and I just hope all goes well."

A 1-0 pre-season defeat by Aegaleo had Apollon fans worried, as well as the loss to Panathinaikos of two national team full-backs.

"I know a lot of fans have written us off, already. Many believe we will be relegated. But I believe that Apollon will finish among the first six," said star player George Kastanos.

Olympiakos were first with 370,682 fans (avg. 21,804) the past season at home, a drop of 48,107 form the previous campaign. The lowest figure was that of Kavala with 50,343 all season (2,961).

Only three teams had an increase of attendance over the previous season, Panathinaikos with 329,071 (avg. 19,357) — total (62,904 over previous season), OFI and Yiannena.

The Ministry of Commerce estimated that the World Cup cost Greek viewers one billion drachmas in television and sporting goods sold through advertising commercials.

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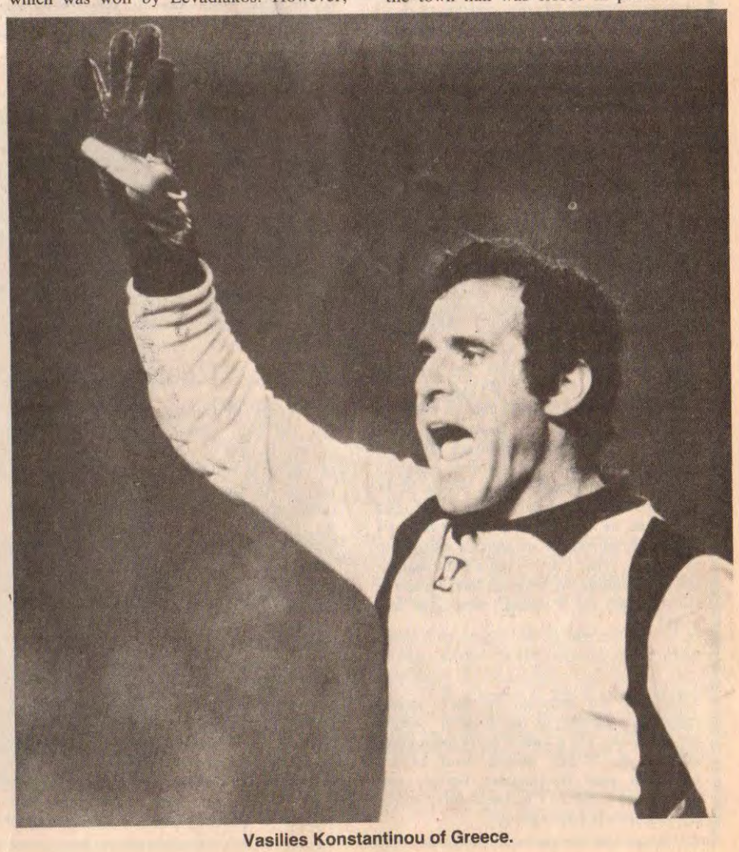
MEANWHILE a central Greek town is in an uproar about its team.

Livadia, home of Levadiakos, is angry that the team had to have a second play-off match with Preveza to determine who advanced to the Second Division.

The two clubs were tied at the end of last season in first place and had a play-off match which was won by Levadiakos. However, there is a decision still pending against Levadiakos for using an ineligible player against Patras. Preveza thus demanded that the play-off result with Levadiakos be scratched and a new date set. The authorities were on the side of Preveza.

"If there is another match there will be a massacre," warned Levadiakos fan Christos Liakos. "Last time we went there they waited for us with dogs. Now we will go more organised."

Angry fans in Livadia set up barricades to all roads leading from the town and lit fires. They blocked the road leading to Delphi and the town hall was closed in protest.



Vasilies Konstantinou of Greece.

First honour goes to Sliema

Sliema Wanderers, first-round opponents for Swansea City in the Cup-winners' Cup.

SLIEMA Wanderers have collected the first Maltese football honour this season, the newly-sponsored 'Euro Challenge Cup' (the trophy being contested by the three local participants in European competitions).

Sliema drew 0-0 with the young Zurrieq side and then managed, surprisingly, to beat champions Hibernians 1-0 with a goal, netted by central defender Oliver Losco.

Sliema goalkeeper Alan Zammit putting on a splendid show to thwart the desperate Hibernians forwards with a string of amazing saves . . . including one from Joe Curmi's well placed penalty kick.

As Zurrieq could only draw 1-1 with Hibernians, Sliema were the overall winners. Zurrieq finishing second on two points, while Hibernians finished third with only one point.

Zurrieq then went on make a piece of Maltese football history — playing UEFA Cup hosts to Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia in the superb new, turf-pitch, national Ta Qali stadium.

Personal Opinion by Leslie Vernon

Spare us the tears Kevin!

AN ex-footballer's life is not easy. From permanent stardom, he plunges into semi-obscurity, and he has only a limited number of alternatives to guarantee a life-style to which he is accustomed.

A number of players try to get on the managerial merry-go-round, and suddenly find themselves in a vulnerable position in which they rely on their teams' performances. A missed penalty or a goalkeeping error may bring instant dismissal, as a nervous board of directors try to shift the blame.

An ex-player may become a coach, a slightly safer occupation, but it warrants a lighter pay-packet. Or he might carry on as a media man, as Jimmy Greaves and Denis Law have, but this is also hard work and the opportunities are strictly limited. Others, and I am talking about world-class players like Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton, stay on the fringe of the game and work as glorified PRO men.

Faced with these unappetising alternatives, who can blame a player for trying to earn as much money as he can during his comparatively short career, and, as the saying goes, ensure his family's future? These thoughts are prompted by Kevin Keegan's astonishing decision to leave Southampton and join Second Division Newcastle for a ludicrous fee, which didn't adequately compensate his old club for his departure.

Keegan already has plenty of money in the bank, but he wishes to make another fortune. Several of my colleagues have hinted that Keegan is "greedy". I wouldn't go along with that, he is entitled to capitalise on his crowd appeal, and if Newcastle are willing to pay him over £3,000 per week, that is their business.

Object

What I do object to is the humbug surrounding this affair. Keegan didn't mention the money in any of the interviews given to press and television. He spoke in grandiose terms about the football-crazy population of Newcastle, about his own missionary zeal to bring fresh hope to the area, and when he scored a mediocre winning goal in his first match, one had the impression that the fixture was equal in importance to a World Cup Final.

When Trevor Francis changed clubs or others went abroad to boost their bank balances, they freely admitted that the reasons behind these moves were commercial. Why is it that Keegan wants to be different? He signed only for one year, and after that, he will tell us that he needs a new challenge, he will rescue another ailing club or even go to the USA — not for the money, but to spread us the hand-on-heart, tears in the eyes act — it doesn't ring true any more!

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THERE is no denying the early season attendance figures in the English League are alarming. On a balmy early September night, only 27,145 people went to see Liverpool play Nottingham Forest, and there were 6,578 at Crystal Palace, where the visitors were Shrewsbury.

Yet, I have seen several matches already this season, and apart from a Chelsea v Wolves bore, they were all good value for money, excellent entertainment. David Pleat, the Luton manager, in his speech on the occasion of the launching of the *Rothmans Football Yearbook*, said that more attacking football would draw the crowds — "The decline of gates means that we must act now to excite the crowds — attack and be damned."

Another observer, Jeff Powell of the *Daily Mail*, thinks that the old, traditional English virtues would draw the public. He calls for grit, determination, a "get stuck in" attitude, or, one might say, "carry on kicking". According to Powell, we cannot copy the Brazilians, so we might as well play typical British football.

But Pleat argues that there is room for artistry, there is no need to emphasise the English style advantages, they will always be part and parcel of the domestic game. My contention is that there is nothing basically wrong with our League football, it is in fact marginally better since the introduction of the three-points-for-a-win system, because teams have realised that there is no point in playing for a draw away from home.

Reason

The football could be more adventurous, but the real reason for the dwindling crowds is lack of money. In these days of recession, it is a luxury to go to a football match. An average seat costs £5, and if a father wants to take his son, but a programme, park a car, have a couple of drinks, it will cost him £15 to see a game. Even a £2.50 stand ticket for a youngster is too much money, if we add the 50p he has to fork out for a programme and the cost of travelling on the bus or underground.

Add to this the inconvenience of actually buying a ticket (I had to phone a club four times recently in order to purchase two seats for a match which attracted less than 14,000 people!), the dirt and rubbish surrounding the grounds, the hooligan elements, and it is a wonder that fans turn up at all to witness a football match.

Coventry's experiment of pricing-out the villains is patently unsuccessful because there aren't enough people in the city willing to pay a high price for a seat. I would advocate a step in the opposite direction, ticket prices should be cut in all parts of the grounds, and then the crowds might return. At the moment, they are not coming, not because the product is bad, but because they simply can't afford it!

Phil Thompson of Liverpool.

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WHO is going to be second in the First Division? I can pose this question confidently, because Liverpool's championship is safe, they are by far the best team in England. And I notice with interest that they play a 5-3-2 formation, with Thompson, Hansen and Lawrenson filling the middle of defence positions — two highly mobile centre-backs and a sweeper.

When I questioned Bob Paisley about his "Italian" system, he angrily retorted that his team do not imitate anybody, such as the Brazilians and the Italians, but the players at his disposal are perfect for this tactical formation.

It is curious that Liverpool had exactly the same players last season and didn't play with three central defenders, but my purpose is not to have an argument with Paisley, but merely to point out that the one English team which had no need to learn from the World Cup, did, but the others carry on in their traditional way.

Pity that the Liverpool trio consists of an Englishman, a Scot and an Irish player, otherwise Bobby Robson could use them "en bloc". But, of course, he would never imitate the Italians . . .

Australian players — they'd rather have an Eskimo . . .

from Andrew Dettre in Sydney

I AM rather stunned, reading so many views in the British Press which still slam the decision to increase the World Cup final field to 24. Some say it openly, others in a concealed fashion, but it boils down to the same: they begrudge the presence of the so-called "minnows".

These elitist colleagues, if they had their way, would go back to a field of 16: Brazil, Argentina and 14 European "giants". The fact that Europe has no 14 great teams — not even six, at that — bothers them little.

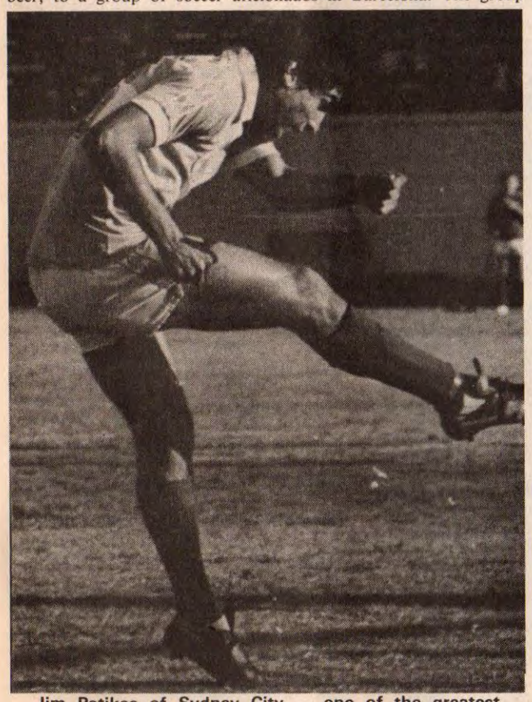
No more than two teams at the 82 Mundial were outclassed: New Zealand and Chile. El Salvador, after the initial collapse against Hungary, went close to frightening hell out of the Belgians. As for the others: surely nobody could describe Algeria, Cameroon, Honduras and Kuwait as flops.

Algeria were cheated out of a second round berth by a cynical fix between the Anschluss countries; Cameroon had enough chances to beat Italy and eliminate the future world champions in Vigo instead of drawing with them. Honduras? They drew with the hosts Spain and the "giant" Northern Ireland . . . Kuwait? They took a point from the Czechs and made England sweat for their 1-0 win.

So where was that supposed superiority of the Europeans? This was my fourth World Cup finals since 1966 — but never before did I see a greater levelling off of soccer powers than in Spain. It was sheer delight to see Algeria, Cameroon and Honduras in action: they are born football players, skilful, ambitious and genetically athletic. I know whom I would rather watch if the alternative was the deadly tedious Scotland, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Ireland and several others of that ilk.

In fact, I came back from Spain to Sydney with the firm conviction that Australian soccer, at its best, is within easy reach of the European **average.** Whether this will be believed or not in British circles, several young Australian players would have been considerable assets for a number of European sides at the Mundial.

Indeed, I did express such a heretical view over a "tapas" and a beer, to a group of soccer aficionados in Barcelona. The group included former Hungarian great Zoltan Czibor, ex-Real Madrid player Laszlo Kaszas, former Israeli and Paris St. Germain star Mordechai Shpigel and a well known tour-and-player agent living in Barcelona, Emeric Csillag. They were just discussing the deal — in which some of them had a hand — that took Ardiles from London to Paris and were trying to "accommodate" that eternal Brazilian wanderer, Dirceu.



Jim Patikas of Sydney City — one of the greatest Australian talents who could play almost anywhere in Europe.

The sums flying about the hot Barcelona night were staggering: a few hundred thousand for the transfer, a couple of hundred grand for the player, plus the commission; have another beer, how's the wife.

"I can get you a midfielder from Sydney five times better than the Spanish Zamora, stronger then Hansi Muller, much more skilful than the Irish O'Neill and a harder worker than the Hungarian middle trio rolled into one," I said.

They looked at me in bewilderment as if I'd suggested something indecent.

"From Sydney,?" one asked. "Sydney, Australia? What's his name?"

"Jim Patikas. And he's 20. I'm sure you could have him for next to nothing."

Csillag, a veteran of hundreds of transfers in Europe, coughed politely.

"Australian soccer players can't be sold here," he said. "Belgians, Swedes, Danes, Serbs, perhaps even Eskimos and expatriate Urdus, yes; but not Australians. No Spanish club would even accept a reverse charge call about it."

And they went on to heatedly discuss the possibility of fixing up a promising winger from Curitiba whom nobody had ever seen play — but Curitiba is in Brazil whereas Sydney, regettably but extremely fortunately for us, in Australia.

The funny thing is we do have quite a few brilliantly talented youngsters who, were they hailing from some place else, would fetch a cool half a million on the current crazy European market.

One has already proved this point. Melbourne-born Eddie Krncevic, 21, this year returned to the land of his talents — and is a regular in Dynamo Zagreb, champions of Yugoslavia. And talented as he is, Krncevic is not quite in the same class as some others such as Patikas, Alan Davidson, Greg Woodhouse, Steve Blair, David Lowe, Peter Katholos or Dave Mitchell. All of them, by the way, are under 21 . . .

So we have the talent, undoubtedly as good as the average European and British. The question is what do we do with it?

Not much, I'm afraid. Australia has not played an international for some 14 months; the trauma of last year's World Cup elimination by the hands of the despised New Zealanders still lingers. In October, if all goes well, we will take part in a friendly tournament in Singapore, playing against some Asian countries. But even this happened through sheer good luck and not planning: a sudden invitation from Singapore was swiftly accepted to silence growing press criticism about the inactivity of the national team who, would you believe it, have a full-time coach.

All this will change next year, we were told. On top of a World Cup subcommittee and a coach, we now also have a Technical Committee to advise about the national team. We've got the lot, you may say, except a team. Even in a rich country like this, you can't have everything.

Meanwhile, the 1982 domestic season has just about ended, Sydney City, formerly called Hakoah, winning the title for the third year in a row and still failing to attract more than 1,000 paying customers to their home matches — possibly the lowest in the 16-team national league.

At least, they are financially stable, being backed by the swank Hakoah social club and its wealthy Jewish patrons. Other clubs are not so fortunate: at least three face bankruptcy. Only last month a debt-ridden Canberra City was taken over by a local Greek club, paying the sum of $1 for the nominal purchase — surely the best deal since Manhattan was sold by some naïve Indians.True: Manhattan didn't have a debt of $300,000. Not then — and not now, thanks to Mayor Koch . . .

The even sadder news is that, after a patronage lasting six benign years, Philips Industries will end their sponsorship of the national league, leaving a shortfall of about $400,000 a year.

from Eric Weil

Twin aims for Corinthians who want to keep Socrates

CORINTHIANS, the Sao Paulo club which is rivalled in popularity throughout the country only by the far more successful Flamengo of Rio de Janeiro, have two problems — to improve their recent poor performances and to hold on to national team captain Socrates.

Players have blamed the lack of success on the lack of harmony in the team and the club management has countered by engaging a psychoanalist called Flavio Gikovate.

Gikovate agrees that lack of harmony can be an important factor, but says he will just stand around for a while to see what is happening before suggesting a programme. Centre-forward Casagrande however says: "If I'm going to have to sit and listen to a psychoanalyst before matches, I think I'll fall asleep on the field. I don't need any of that stuff. I know what I'm doing."

As for Socrates, Corinthians want to sell part of him . . . not because they want to get rid of any part of him, but because they don't know how they will pay him under the new two-year contract he has just signed with a basic monthly salary of $63,500. So Corintians want to find one or two part owners for the player who would pay to use him for activities outside soccer — advertising, it is presumed.

Flamengo, the world club champions, seem to have no worries at the moment however. They are again top of Rio's "Carioca" League and their star midfielder, Zico, is the championship's top scorer with 10 goals. Later on this year they go straight into the Libertadores Cup semi-finals as current holders of this South American club championship trophy.

There are 438 registered professional soccer clubs playing in the various state leagues in Brazil — 130 of them in the state of Sao Paulo — and soccer authorities would like to see them reduced to a number more adequate with the economic situation of the country, because the majority of these clubs are in difficult financial situations. There is also a big disparity in wages with players like Flamengo's Zico and Corintian's Socrates earning over $10,000 a month and many others, mainly in provincial clubs, barely reaching $70.

The large number of clubs make state championships lengthy as well as the national championship which, although reduced recently, is still fought out by 60 clubs in a real marathon of two to three games a week with a lost of travelling.

Soccer authorities are thinking of establishing a minimum wage for soccer pros and only allow clubs with a minimum capital and minimum number of members to play pro soccer. They feel that this would reduce the number considerably.

Boca Juniors goalkeeper Hugo Gatti — who has just completed 20 years in the Argentine First Division and is putting in some outstanding performances — signs an autograph for a military policeman at the airport on his way to a Libertadores Cup match in Bolivia.

TACTICAL teams are making the early running in the Argentine First Division as FC Oeste, Estudiantes de La Plata and Velez Sarsfield share the lead after five games. All three have things in common. They use safety first tactics always with an eye on defence, they thrive on counter-attack and they base their success on tactics rather than individual skill.

FC Oeste, the national champions and lauded as the country's best for the last 18 months, have scored more goals — eight in five games — because they shine for their tactical approach and blackboard moves in attack more than the other two and they are unbeaten in their last 27 first division and national championship matches.

Estudiantes, coached by their former midfield star, Carlos Bilardo, who coached the Colombian national team last year and, like FC Oeste's Carlos Griguol, is a candidate to succeed Cesar Menotti as Argentine national coach, won their first four matches and played 423 minutes without conceding a goal. Their chief playmaker is Alex Sabella who came back from England, where he played for Sheffield United and Leeds United, a much better player than when he was a River Plate reserve.

Velez Sarsfield, coached by our old friend Juan Carlos Lorenzo, were the most active in the transfer market this year and do have a number of stars, notably international midfielder Norberto Alonso who helped River Plate to so many championships and could well do the same for his new team this year.

Among the bottom teams is Racing Club — world club champions in 1967 when they beat Glasgow Celtic for the title — who have not managed to score in their first four games and have six goals against plus a bleak future. Financial difficulties forced them to sell off some stars (whom they also could not pay) and they have not been able to strengthen the team adequately.

Another financially ailing club, Boca Juniors, who came to owe their players as much as $700,000 a short time ago, have finally been able to get up-to-date — for the first time in over two years — with ill-gotten gains out of the Maradona sale to Spain's Barcelona. (The Argentinos Juniors player was on loan to them, there were differences over a clause in the contract [already mentioned in *World Soccer*] and they went to court which would have stopped Maradona's transfer to anywhere while the court case was in progress and they got a $1.8 million chunk out of the $7.7 million transfer to withdraw the case.)

But Boca Juniors could still not buy new players, but only sign a bunch of veterans — Brazilian defender Rodrigues Neto, strikers Scotta and Apariente among them — on free transfers.

They already had such veterans as former internationals, midfielder Brindisi and goalkeeper Gatti in their team and are now the oldest squad in the championship. Gatti, the oldest of them all at 38, has just completed 20 years in the first division, but he has been their hero with astounding saves in numerous matches. Boca Juniors are near the top of the table, but the question is whether their ageing stars will last out.

Boca Juniors, like River Plate, are also playing in the Libertadores Cup at press-time, but contrary to practice in recent years, neither club has fielded weak teams in league games to concentrate on the cup.

One curious incident happened in the FC Oeste-Huracan 0-0 draw recently. The referee awarded a free-kick against FC Oeste after they had held on to the ball a full minute, passing it to each other near the Huracán penalty area without any of the Huracán players venturing out to try and take it off their rivals. When FC Oeste captain Rocchia protested at the unusual decision, he was sent off. The referee later explained his action by saying: "Retaining the ball for so long is time wasting and clearly shows that the team does not want to play". Of course, it was Huracán who were powerless to play and, if anything, the free-kick should have been awarded against them. The referee was later suspended, but FC Oeste had still lost a point.

Hectic action in front of Platense's goal in an Argentine First Division match in which Boca Juniors, playing at home, won 4-1. Gareca scores following a free-kick from Brindisi. Veteran Scotta watches after falling.

In Colombia:
MILLIONARIOS RENEWED

BOGOTA'S Millionarios — most frequent winners of Colombia's professional title (11 times) but not since 1978 — have changed ownership and also have a new coach, Argentina's Omar Pastoriza.

Although Pastoriza signed for only six months and was not very optimistic with the playing staff he had at his disposal, Millionarios are lying second in group B of the second phase of the championship after six matches which would put them into the final round if they maintain the position.

The first phase of the championship, which qualified America and Deportivo Cali for the final round as they shared top place, was won by America who beat Deportivo 2-1 in a play-off.

In Chile:
NEWCOMERS AT THE TOP

REGIONAL Atacama, a provincial team promoted to the First Division for the first time, have the best (4-1-0) record so far, jointly with Universidad de Chile after five matches . . . but they are not top of the table.

They did not figure prominently in a pre-season tournament from which the semi-finalists and winners took one and two bonus points into the first division respectively, so Universidad, with one bonus point, share the lead with champions Colo Colo who, as pre-season tournament winners, have two.

Meanwhile Universidad Catolica, who have the most expensive playing staff and have been in the forefront of major transfers lately, have again failed to live up to expectations so far and are in the middle of the table . . . but the man being blamed is coach Luis Santibañez who was also in charge of the Chilean national team in this year's World Cup finals in Spain.

The complaint is that he is using the same speculating tactics which did not get Chile anywhere in Spain and while there is nothing new in blaming the coach for poor results, the solution seems to be a novelty.

The criticism is that he is going through a period of "tactical and technical" confusion and the club is thinking of sending him on a two-months holiday to forget what happened in Spain and to get over it.

In Uruguay:
MORENA PASSES 600 GOALS

INTERNATIONAL striker Fernando Morena scored his 603rd goal as champions Peñarol beat their traditional rivals, Nacional, 1-0, to continue as five-point leaders in the First Division.

A few days earlier, Morena had passed the 600 mark when he scored twice in Peñarol's 3-0 Libertadores Cup win over Uruguayan neighbours Defensor, but Spain's Valencia had by then already telexed the Uruguayan champions telling them not to line-up Morena until they paid a pending transfer debt of $455,000 dollars for him. At press-time, Peñarol's president, Washington Cataldi, was leaving for Spain to try and refinance the debt.

If Peñarol — the country's richest club together with Nacional — cannot pay, it is nothing in comparison to the financial chaos in which the rest of the clubs are in. They have been unable to pay their players for some time and this situation threatens to suspend the championship. The clubs have been refused government help because of their bad administration and they now want to see football pools introduced for the benefit of clubs.

Nacional's Brazilian striker, Milton Da Cruz, tops the scorers table with 10 goals, followed by Morena with eight.

In Peru:
LEAGUE AND FA DISAGREE

IN Peru five games of the championship — this year being played in three geographical zones — have been played, but there is still no official agreement on whether there will be relegation or not this year.

The FA said there will be no relegation this year, while the league says there will . . . which means the tournament still does not have official backing and if this state of affairs continues, the top two teams would not be able to take part in the Libertadores Cup next year.

CELTIC STILL WHO LOVE FORWARD AND A TEAM TO GO ATTACK

by Alex Gordon

SOME football clubs are to the entertainment business what the labels on tins of baked beans are to great literature.

It would be easier to catch bullets with your teeth or go ten rounds with Larry Holmes than to say nice things about some teams who reach Olympic gold medal standards in their efforts to put people to sleep.

Thankfully, in this grey, old world of ours, there is a rainbow of colour. To say Celtic like to play attacking soccer is an understatement in the category of insisting Antonio Stradivari put together a fairly useful fiddle.

They haven't always left me spellbound. They haven't always dazzled, mesmerised or entranced. Magnificent? They've been mediocre on occasion, but, underlining their refreshing, if not always rewarding, philosophy, they have endeavoured to go forward, to take the game to the other team.

"And that won't change," says manager Billy McNeill, the former captain supreme of that wonderful European Cup-winning outfit. "We have a duty to our legions of fans and we never lose sight of that.

"It's not enough just to win, to get the right result. Celtic are known throughout the world as a team with style and we like to win with a flourish."

Celtic have surely demonstrated this time and time again over the years. Is it any wonder that so many youngsters in the backstreets of Glasgow are adorned in the green-and-white mini-strips of their heroes?

It wasn't that long ago that Charlie Nicholas, too, was imitating his idol Kenny Dalglish in the streets of Maryhill, in Glasgow. That is Partick Thistle territory, but Charlie's sights were as clearly trained on Parkhead those days as they are today on unsuspecting, unfortunate goalkeepers.

I took particular attention of Nicholas in Celtic's European Cup-tie against Ajax at Parkhead and, really, his performance that evening for a 20-year-old was nothing short of breathtaking.

He worked hard, spread the ball about, turned defenders, snaked in and out of the penalty area, but fortune didn't favour the brave on that particular evening. Charlie did score with a penalty and he helped set up No. 2 with a smart knock-on for Frank McGarvey, but he could have had so much more.

Charlie had a goal disallowed when the score stood at 1-1 and the Swedish referee was the only person at Parkhead who had seen any offence. Even an army of Dutch supporters sitting not too far from me were puzzled, but, of course, uncomplaining.

John Cruyff, doing as much work with his tongue as he is with his legs these days, even had to step back every now and again and shake his head at the talent, pace and courage of his young opponent.

A few days later is was Motherwell, in a fairly dramatic change of setting, who were on the receiving end as Charlie fixed his sights and opened fire. He scored a thrilling hat-trick as Celtic walloped seven into the Fir Park net and his final goal had the stamp of genius. George Best, at his wandering most magnificent, couldn't have done better.

That goal displayed everything that is good about a player such as Nicholas who plays with the sense of freedom and enjoyment that brings sheer delight to the hearts of the neutrals.

He simply set off from about 45 yards out, shrugged off a defender, shaped to pass inside, changed his mind, moved away from another defender into the penalty box, shimmied to the side to beat another lunging tackle, enticed the keeper from his line and then finished with astonishing venom and accuracy.

Nicholas showed more ambition and adventure in those brief seconds than some Scottish clubs will exhibit in a season. He prefers to play with a smile rather than a scowl, a grin rather than a grunt.

The confusion and alarm he spreads in rival defences is a sight to behold, a memory to savour unless, of course, it's your team he is destroying.

Celtic, I hasten to say, are not a one-man band although Nicholas, after breaking a leg last year, is an outstanding talent in a gifted outfit. If I was impressed with Nicholas against Ajax I was more than slightly disappointed in some of his team-mates, more experienced at this level.

Danny McGrain didn't enjoy the experience at all. Little Jesper Olsen has as many tricks in his repertoire as former Celtic hero Jimmy Johnstone and the Parkhead skipper was often made to look sluggish and hesitant.

Davie Provan, a player I greatly admire, simply disappeared. The Dutch showed him great respect and avalanched defenders around him whenever he got the ball and eventually it all proved too much for Provan, who didn't display his usual gritty relish.

Tommy Burns was the man from whom I expected great things, but his 'attention' from the Dutch rearguard bordered on the brutal at times. It was sad to see this once-gifted Ajax side resort to ordinary, hard-man tactics to silence a member of the opposition. Burns took a fair amount of punishment before limping off in the second-half. A sad sight to see.

Cruyff, a great diplomat if not a great referee — and he did try to do the official's job at Parkhead — said afterwards: "Celtic are such a good team with so many fine individuals.

"I liked Burns . . . he gets past people so easily. A fine player. Charlie Nicholas? A very good forward, always very dangerous. And I also liked the other young lad Paul McStay. He is just emerging, but he has a lot of class."

While Cruyff does the Press Relations job it is sometimes easy to forget the 'tactics' of his team-mates. There is a lot of steel in this Ajax line-up and, unlike their fabulous European Cup-winning teams, they aren't afraid to put it around. There was a hint of cynical outlook from them. They got away with it in Scotland, but it would blow up in their faces if they tried it in places such as Italy or Yugoslavia or Greece.

Celtic, to their eternal credit, soldier on, trying to play absorbing soccer at all times. Sometimes they might even appear naive and that has been highlighted in their recent European experiences.

Last season they toppled out of the European Cup in the first round after taking a 1-0 first leg lead against Juventus. Celtic actually attacked in Turin and the equalising goal they lost would have had most coaches fumbling for the cyanide tablets.

They were awarded a free-kick mid-way in their own half, but instead of playing the simple, short pass and keeping possession early in a game they didn't have to chase, the players pushed forward and Roy Aitken flighted a long ball into the Juventus half. It fell to an Italian, who hit a swift pass forward and Juventus immediately broke from defence into attack against their exposed opponents and they duly scored the first of their two goals that night.

Two years before that Celtic reached the quarter-finals of the European Cup and were leading Real Madrid 2-0 from the first leg. Defend? No, again Celtic went forward in a brash, bold manner. Inside the first 15 minutes they hit the Real Madrid crossbar and George McCluskey pushed a miserable effort wide of the post when clean through on the goalkeeper without a Spanish defender in sight.

Real came off the ropes, thanked their lucky stars and scored three goals to go through. Celtic, again, could have a good, cold, analytical look at their attacking ideology and had a somersault in their thinking, but it never happened. Thankfully.

Celtic also surrendered the Premier Division crown that year. They held a lead over Aberdeen of seven points at one stage before eventually losing out by a solitary point.

Manager McNeill remembers: "That Real Madrid defeat knocked the stuffing out of the team. It was a huge disappointment and my lads couldn't get over the memory. We played like a team that didn't believe in itself for the rest of the season and we were overtaken by a team that was playing better, more convincing football at the time."

Since then, however, Celtic have won the Premier Division crown twice in two years and I would say they were a sure thing to make it three out of three by the end of the current programme.

I am an unashamed admirer of their style and would like to see other teams follow their lead. Honestly, there are some teams in Scotland that are about as exciting as watching paint dry.

They are strangling the life out of the game and their cagey, safety-first tactics might earn them the odd point or two, but the fans are registering what they think of this attitude by simply staying away.

Hibs were once a fine, flowing outfit littered with glittering individuals. Look at them today. Or, on second thoughts, don't bother. Okay, new manager Pat Stanton deserves time to settle in and remould the line-up, but in his first three games Hibs scored one goal while picking up three points. I suppose that's called economy of effort. After all, three points for one goal seems like a good return unless you have to suffer through four-and-a-half hours of dreary football in pursuit of entertainment.

Glib-talking managers try to distort the facts that are quite evident to everyone. They talk about people supporting the player on the ball. Meaning? They can go forward when the team is attacking, but they better make sure they are back in time if the other side breaks.

Managers talk about playing to their strengths. Meaning? We don't have many, if any, good forwards so we defend in depth.

Bosses talk about trying to run the midfield. Meaning? Throwing everyone into the middle of the pitch and forgetting all about actually getting a shot on target every now and again.

And so it goes on. A lot of clubs are going to trip themselves up and no-one will bother coming to their assistance or yelling about the professional foul.

Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen and Dundee United stand apart. They aren't governed by fear. They are more interested in flair and their attitudes are praiseworthy. There will come a day when there will be something called the Super League or the British League.

While attendances continue ro nosedive I believe the thought of Celtic playing Liverpool and Rangers playing Manchester United is a lot more appealing than Liverpool taking on Watford (sorry, Elton) or Celtic facing Kilmarnock (sorry, Ayrshire).

Until such time surely arrives, managers will continue to muck around with what is simply a very basic game. Sometimes it's easy to be swept away on the tidal wave of nonsense that is talked about football. It's all about putting a leather sphere over a goal line, under a bar and between wooden posts by any fair means to result in a goal for the attacking team.

Unfortunately, managers sometimes get things a bit back-to-front and think it is a better idea to keep that leather sphere OUT of the goal-nets. They forsake the opportunity to register a score in their efforts to build a blockade in front of their own net.

Result? Lots of boredom and great yawning (yes, that is the right word) gaps on the terracings.

Celtic, as I have surely emphasised by now, are not one of the guilty teams. They attack in force, they like scoring goals, they encourage individuals and they deserve the rewards that come their way.

At the other end of the scale there are some teams that have as much conviction in their attacking ability as Charlie Drake might have of winning gold in the long jump or Albert Tatlock bursting to glory in the 100 metres sprint.

These teams deserve to have their life supply cut off. Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen, Dundee United and any other team that wants to change its ideas do not deserve to topple into obscurity along with them.

There's the daft old saying that goes along the lines of: 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.'

In Scotland's case it could be towards England . . . and the Super League!

Motherwell goalkeeper Hugh Sproat and centre-back Joe Carson have no chance as Charlie Nicholas opens Celtic's account.

Murdo Machead blasts in number three at Fir Park with Steve McLelland helpless as Celtic beat Motherwell 7-0.

Frank McGarvey nets Celtic's second goal in the spree against Motherwell.

World Soccer Diary compiled by Keir Radnedge

DIEGO MARADONA has had a tough time of it, settling down in Spain.

The publicity, the huge expectations and the pressure of the £5 million fee have all added up to fuel his critics' attacks.

Illness prevented Maradona appearing in the prestige Teresa Herrera summer tournament in La Coruna — yet even in the Nou Camp stadium, Barcelona came unstuck when they staged their own Juan Gamper competition.

Barsa lost on penalties to Internacional of Brazil in the semi-final, then finished bottom after losing — again on spot kicks — to Köln in the third place match.

Not the sort of start demanded by West German coach Udo Lattek, who recalled veteran stopper Migueli to put a touch of iron back into the defence when the league programme began.

Maradona, meanwhile, was the centre of more confusion after failing to take part in the Unicef match between Europe and the Rest of the World in New York. This was a charity match, but Maradona, it is claimed by the organisers, demanded a £15,000 appearance fee plus eight first-class return air tickets.

And that's part of the problem.

In Argentina Maradona was so much the superstar that everywhere he went, so did his entourage of manager, parents, girlfriend, brothers plus friends. Barcelona will have none of that. When the team travel away, or into *ritiro,* then Maradona is on his own.

And, simply, he's not used to this.

Remember that, for all his fame and his fortune, Maradona remains a 21-year-old who has been shielded and protected from a large chunk of "everyday" life for the past seven years. Growing up overnight isn't easy.

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THE recent World Cup finals have prompted renewed interest in those venerable internationals who can claim 100 or more appearances for their country.

Italy's Dino Zoff and Poland's Grzegorz Lato both topped three figures during the finals and a glance at the up-to-date list of centenarians reveals a heavy weighing in favour of stars of recent years.

The reason is obvious. The World Cup and European championship arrangements now provide for a much more busy international programme than in past eras.

Not all figures claimed are worth including. Peru's Hector Chumpitaz has been listed at more than 140 internationals between 1969 and 1981. I checked back as well as I could and records permit, and the figure of 127 appearance the more likely.

Similarly the Brazilian figures of 100 caps for Messrs Gilmar, Djalma Santos and Jairzinho are questionable. Jairzinho was supposed to have made his 100th appearance for Brazil against Czechoslovakia early this year — but that was far from being his 100th full international.

Pele is often listed with 111 internationals to his name. In fact though he appeared in the Brazil jersey that many times, 17 matches were against club or state sides. Pele's full international figure is thus 96.

This, then, is the list as it stands now (questionable figures marked thus*):

A timely award for England and Manchester United's Bryan Robson — seen receiving from Seiko sales manager Alec Dougherty the gold watch award for scoring the fastest goal in the recent World Cup finals in Spain. Robson scored against France in 27 seconds — the fastest recorded goal in the history of the World Cup finals. Robson received the award at Old Trafford at the start of the season.

Hector Chumpitaz	Peru	127*
Bjorn Nordqvist	Sweden	115
Roberto Rivelino	Brazil	108
Bobby Moore	England	108
Bobby Charlton	England	106
Dino Zoff	Italy	106
Billy Wright	England	105
Leonel Sanchez	Chile	104*
Torbjorn Svensson	Norway	104
Franz Beckenbauer	W. Germany	103
Grzegorz Lato	Poland	103
Kazimierz Deyna	Poland	102
Brian Turner	New Zealand	101*
Jozsef Borzsik	Hungary	100
Gilmar	Brazil	100*
D. Santos	Brazil	100*

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HOW would you rate the best teams in Europe right now? That's the question one of Britain's television sports experts put to me a week or two ago.

Bearing in mind that this was compiled before the first round of the European club tournaments, here is the list I produced — based on a mixture of achievement and potential:

1 Juventus. 2 Liverpool. 3 Barcelona. 4 Hamburg. 5 Tottenham. 6 Aston Villa. 7 Standard Liege. 8 Kaiserslautern. 9 IFK Gothenburg. 10 Bayern Munich; 11 Ipswich. 12 Anderlecht. 13 Real Madrid. 14 Dynamo Kiev. 15 Real Sociedad. Fringe clubs included Red Star Belgrade, CSKA Sofia and Internazionale of Milan.

Not, however, a simple choice. Try it!

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LAST month in these pages we passed on Uli Stielike's comments about the unnecessary gamble — or so he claimed — by which West Germany played a half-fit Karl-Heinz Rummenigge in the World Cup Final.

Now the story escalates — "revelations" and rumours have since been circulating that Rummenigge offered £1,000 for someone to have a swipe at Stielike and keep him quiet.

World Soccer Diary compiled by Keir Radnedge

Maradona has problems settling down in Spain

All quite without foundation, of course, says Rummenigge. "After all," he added, "we're footballers not gangsters."

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IF you think Brian Clough is keeping a low profile this season then you'd be right. The Nottingham Forest manager, proceeding on his own of course after the home game against Brighton that he "won't be speaking to the press after games this season."

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HOW welcome to see the new goalkeepers' four-step rule and release of the ball being strictly interpreted.

It's a measure which has speeded up play considerably and improves the aesthetics of football because the old habit of catching the ball, rolling it, picking it up, and so on, looked so untidy.

That's a view shared by Hans Van Breukelen, the Holland goalkeeper who has joined Nottingham Forest for £250,000 from Utrecht.

Van Breukelen had an easy start in the Football League, with Forest scoring a 4-0 win over Brighton at the City Ground. He enjoyed himself, not surprisingly — being particularly impressed by the "exciting atmosphere."

That's an illuminating comment on the state of Dutch football. Forest's attendance of just over 13,000 was the club's lowest since they returned to the First Division five years ago.

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TWO years ago Mexico became the Mecca for all ageing Spanish internationals. Real Madrid skipper and sweeper Jose Pirri went out there to join Puebla, and his example was soon followed by Barcelona's Juan Manuel Asensi and Real Sociedad's Santiago Idigoras.

The collapse of the Mexico peso, however, has pulled that rug out from beneath all their feet.

Puebla officials have told Pirri and Co that they can no longer afford to pay anything like the same wages and that their contracts will be cancelled.

Pirri is returning to Spain to continue — as ever — his medical studies, while Asensi, who is just 33, hopes to find a second division club where he can keep playing. As for Lidigoras, he's already back in the first division with Valencia — though he signed too late to face Manchester United in the first round of the UEFA Cup.

One man due to leave shortly for Mexican club Atlante was Poland's Grzegorz Lato. Atlante insisted they can stand by the original deal, but Lato — now with Lokeren in Belgium — is having second thougts.

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MICHEL HIDALGO may now regret some of the publicity which showered upon him during the World Cup finals. On returning home to France Hidalgo discovered that in his absence his home had been burgled and his car and many of his medals and cups had been stolen.

And, while on the subject of skullduggery in France, nothing has rocked the French football boat for a long time as has the case of the Saint-Etienne slush fund.

Roger Rocher's departure from the presidency after 20 successful years occurred earlier this year. Now the reasons are emerging. Saint-Etienne ran an under-the-counter expenses account from which players could be paid.

That revelation has clearly skuppered Rocher's attempt to regain power. But now he's clearly on the way down, he's surely going to take plenty of other people with him.

Coach Robert Herbin, for one. Herbin, the former French international defender, emerged as an opponent of Rocher when the going got tough. Rocher has repaid him by saying: "The slush fund was used to pay players extra money at the request of the general manager, Pierre Garonnaire and of Herbin. But Herbin had long been running into trouble. I warned him months ago that he ought to put his private life in order, but he took no notice. I can't be responsible for him any more."

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RATS leaving the sunken ship? There seems to have been a minor avalanche of West German internationals rushing to abandon the national team following the World Cup.

Paul Breitner was the first to state that he did not wish to play in the national team any more — thus retiring for the second time in his career. Then came a similar announcement from Horst Hrubesch, and another from his Hamburg colleague Felix Magath.

In the cases of Breitner and Hrubesch the matter might be academic. They certainly wouldn't be around by the time the next finals came around. But Magath is 28. He attributes 'family reasons' for his international retirement.

But it's no secret that the entire Hamburg clan was upset at the manner in which Hrubesch was dropped before the match against England in Madrid.

RAFAEL DE DIOGO used to play for Real Madrid. Not during their greatest era. He was just a little too late.

Instead he was there in reserve when Madrid won their sixth Champions' Cup in 1966 and he stayed around, playing mainly up front but never a permanent fixture, until 1970, when he joined Sabadell.

He had played once for Spain as an amateur but now his career was on the wane. From Sabadell he went to Sevilla, Espanol and Sporting Gijon and drifted down the league to Ensidea, after which he retired five years ago at the age of 33.

He took over a restaurant in Luanco, in his home province of Asturias — which is where he, his wife, his mother and their twin sons plus an English visitor were all killed last month in a gas explosion.

Footballers are stars one day, but they are subject to the accidents of life as anyone else.

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ANOTHER death has disturbed Spanish football, too. That was the death of Jose Maria Maldonado, from a heart attack.

Not a famous player, clearly. However Maldonado had a vital role at the last World Cup as president of the much-criticised, much-to-answer-for, Mundiespaña.

There had been strong support for a government inquiry into the way Mundiespaña ran its tickets-and-hotels operation during the World Cup. Whether that investigation will ever get under way now seems doubtful . . . with the man who must have known many of the answers now dead.

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FINALLY, still in Spain . . . one president back in charge, one fighting for his job.

The man back in the saddle is Vicente Calderon, past president of Atletico Madrid, brought back by popular demand to sort the club out after the disastrous two-year reign of Alfonso Cabeza, the hospitals chief who turned Atletico into a terminal case.

Fighting for his presidency is Luis De Carlos, president of neighbours Real Madrid. Members vote this month on whether he stays on — or whether self-made millionaire Ramon Mendoza takes over.

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OCTOBER DIARY: Oct 1 — European club second round . . . **Oct 5** — E21: Belgium-Switzerland . . . **Oct 6** — EC: Belgium-Switzerland, Czechoslovakia-Sweden . . . **Oct 9** — EC: Luxembourg-Greece . . . **Oct 10** — EC: Portugal-Poland . . . **Oct 12** — E21 (1982 final, 2nd leg): W. Germany-England . . . **Oct 13** — EC: Scotland-E. Germany, Soviet Union-Finland, Norway-Yugoslavia, Austria-N. Ireland, Rep. Ireland-Iceland. Friendly: England-W. Germany . . . **Oct 20** — European club 2nd rnd, 1st leg ties . . . **Oct 27** — EC: Bulgaria-Norway, Turkey-Albania, Spain-Iceland.

China triumph in Singapore

WITH the best of Asia's young players gathered in Singapore for the Asian Youth tournament it seemed the perfect opportunity to see what talent that continent had come up with writes Robert Pateman.

The outstanding star of the championship was without doubt the Thai player Piyapong Piew-oun. The tall striker had already played in the 1980 Youth Championship since which he had won three full caps so he was not a complete unknown. Fifteen goals in six games however must have been more than even his greatest fans could have expected.

Five of these goals came in the opening match against Indonesia and two of them were the product of long powerful runs the kind of which I have not seen since the young Peter Osgood was first emerging at Stamford Bridge. Two days later against the tough North Koreans there was no opportunity for such individuality and Piyapong generally had a frustrating day doing a fair amount of work but seldom seeing the ball.

Yet the one time the Koreans concentration slipped he was there to neatly guide home a corner. It was this piece of cynical finishing against tough opponents rather than his teasing of weaker sides that convinced me that Piyapong could make it as a professional perhaps in Hong Kong, whose clubs had several scouts in town, or maybe in Indonesia where the Miac Mitra club were also said to be interested.

Besides Piyapong the next best player on view was, in my opinion, the North Korean captain Kim Chang Il. The Koreans who played a tight 4-3-3 generally relied on solid teamwork and Chang fitted into this role nicely prompting his side with some neat tackles producing a lot of hard work, calmly converting penalties and laying some beautiful long passes into the opponents penalty area. All in all he was the kind of player who, like John McGovern, you don't fully appreciate when he's there but you certainly miss him when he's not.

Besides Chang striker Seng Gulk and perhaps midfield player Ben Chang Bok could all feature in North Korea's 1986 World Cup bid, always provided their country's politicians can stop arguing long enough to give their players the chance of taking part.

In the other pool the Chinese side were so full of skill that it really was difficult to select individuals but their two wingers Li Hua Jun and Li Yong both had an outstanding turn of speed that caused their opponents all kinds of trouble. The best goal of the tournament was probably scored by one of the youngest players, 15-year-old Razali Rashid whose clever 15-yard shot gave victory over Hong Kong.

Everything went pretty well to form, China beat South Korea 2-0 in their first game to set the pattern for the rest of the group, the Chinese going unbeaten with an impressive 17-1 goal record while the Koreans, the holders and pre-tournament favourites recovered well beating Singapore 2-0 in their last match to secure a semi-final spot.

North Korea also won all their games with only Indonesia, who held them to a single goal, looking likely to upset them. The other semi-final place rested on the clash between Thailand and Japan, the Thais winning 4-1.

That, however, was as far as they went. They created one good scoring chance in the semi-final match with China, Piyapong splitting the defence with a fine powerful run and only a brave piece of goalkeeping from Fu Yu Bin prevented him from scoring. From there on however the game went more and more China's way and a header from substitute Li Qing following some good work from Li Yang decided the issue.

The other semi-final was a no holds barred confrontation between the two Koreas which produced four goals in each half, the North deservingly reaching the final as 5-3 winners.

That really was the end of the good football, the Koreans were surprisingly docile in the final letting the Chinese, supported by the majority of the 50,000 crowd, control the game for long periods only to be frustrated by the Koreans massed defence that took the game to extra time. In the 95th minute Liu Haiguano dribbled through a forest of players to secure the trophy for China.

North Korea and China now go through to meet the winners of the second tournament, featuring India, Pakistan and the middle east nations, for a place in the next youth world cup.

Zang Cai-ling, one of the most experienced defenders in the Chinese national team . . . pictured here on tour in England, in a heading duel with Charlton's Dave Mehmet.

Bulova win Cup

BULOVA emerged triumphant from their second cup final of the season by adding the FA Cup to their silverware collection.

In a one-sided match Bulova with Tommy Hutchinson in brilliant form won easily by 4 goals to 1. Their scorers were Billy Semple with two penalties, both awarded for fouls on Hutchinson, and blond striker Werner Reich who made up for his misses in the league by scoring two excellent opportunist goals to defeat an inexperienced Sea Bees team.

This success came as the climax to the season for Bulova experienced coach Ron Wylie who has since returned to the U.K. as manager of West Bromwich Albion. His combative nature allied with Tommy Hutchinson's ability proved too strong for most teams but they were unable to repeat their cup form in the run of the mill league fixtures.

The league was dominated from start to finish by sister club Seiko who won at a canter losing but one game in the entire season. In an effort to ensure their continuing domination Seiko have appointed Dutchman Bert Jacobs as coach and signed former Dutch internationalists Dick Nanninga (FC Roda) and Kurt Bonsink (Rennes) along with David Jones the Coventry City defender.

Their main rivals are again expected to be Bulova assuming that both Hutchinson and Phil Boyer can reproduce the form which made them so dangerous last season.

With the season due to start in mid-September almost every club has been spending freely in a bid to improve on last seasons performance.

Indeed the highlight of last season was not the performance of Seiko as they cruised unchallenged to the title but the nail-biting finish to the season whereby three points separated the second bottom, and thereby relegated, team from the team which finished fifth in the league.

Caroline Hill were the unlucky team to be relegated along with Po Chai and whether they will sink into oblivion will depend to a great extent upon the support they receive from owner Mrs. Veronica Chiu who seems to have abandoned the stricken ship by purchasing rival First Division outfit See Bee.

Rangers who finished third bottom of the league were first into the transfer market, securing the services of former Scotland and St. Mirren striker Jimmy Bone together with Derek Spence the former Northern Ireland star. These players should add some bite to the team with the poorest attacking record in the First Division. Their defence has also been strengthened by the signing of Oldhams experienced keeper Peter McDonald.

First Division newcomers Ryoden have also been busy in the transfer market signing the former Scottish international goalkeeper David Stewart who is currently languishing in Swansea's reserve team. Among their other signings are Graeme Hedley (Middlesbrough), Paul Bannon (Carlisle), Chris Lynam (Manchester United) and Dutch stars Michael Mommertz and Jan Vissa of Sparta Rotterdam.

With Tsuen Wans decision to field an all Chinese team it is unlikely that they will be able to escape relegation and this will be welcome news to last seasons strugglers.

It will be interesting to see if Sea Bees with former Chinese international star Ho Kai in midfield can beat the drop as attention is still likely to focus on the relegation battle with the assumption that Seiko will be able to dominate the championship to the same extent as last season.

FRANCE by Andre Duclos

HERBIN EVADES THE SLUSH FUND SCANDAL

ONE MAN who has professed himself wholly unworried by the cloud which has hung over Saint Etienne, the alleged (and pretty well authenticated) slush fund from which players have received illicit payments, is the team's manager, Robert Herbin.

He has increased powers under the new board of directors — locked in bitter combat with the deposed, 21-year-reigning, President, Roger Rocher — but he says that doesn't make any difference to him either. As for his players, they've not been worried at all about the scandals; working hard, he says, he hopes he'll be able to turn the Geoffroy-Guichard Stadium into the Green Cauldron again.

Perhaps he will, though goodness knows Saint Etienne — who began by losing in Bastia — have stringently remodelled their team. Christian Lopez went to newly promoted Toulouse, who made such a promising beginning. Into the defence came the blond international centre-back Mahut, signed from Metz. He seemed to settle down quickly, helped by the fact that Herbin pushed another French international, Janvion, back into the rearguard to play beside him in Lopez's old post as sweeper.

This, in turn, enabled Herbin to use an expensive newcomer, yet another international in Moizan, from Lyon, in his habitual role in midfield. Herbin felt Moizan seemed at first a little uneasy, despite his surface good humour.

Then in attack, where one Dane, the veteran Nielsen, has been allowed to go, there is another Dane in last season's top Danish Championship scorer, Christensen from Lyngby.

Herbin reflected that for him adaptation might not be too easy, since there was quite a gap between the standard of the Danish and the French Leagues.

Platini of course is off to Juventus — where his early, painful, muscle trouble, his consequent sidelining, suggested that Saint-Etienne may not wholly live to regret his passing. Especially as Jean-François Larios, with whom he was locked in battle, will undoubtedly feel freer to express his powers and predilections in a midfield where he should surely emerge as the dominant figure.

Of course there is no substitute at all for the superbly gifted Platini at his best; but in signing the lean, highly talented, Genghini from Sochaux, Saint Etienne may have come pretty near to finding one. Remember the glorious left-footed free kick goal with which Genghini beat Austria in Madrid? Even Platini would have been proud of that one.

Monaco, who made a modest start only, were not especially busy in the transfer market, but in signing Delamontagne from Nancy — their one and only transfer to the Principality — they have at once gained a fine player, and given themselves the pleasant problem of whom to leave out of a teeming midfield.

Barberis, that clever Swiss, Puel and Bijotat are all still there. In attack, Ralf Edstroem, the towering, slender Swede, should, if he can stay clear of injury, make his mark on the Championship again, partnered by one of two French World Cup players; Couriol or Bellone.

Here is an embarrassment of riches indeed. At the beginning of the season, when the all star Bordeaux team soundly beat Monaco 3-1 before a fine crowd of nearly 30,000, Bellone wasn't even in the side.

Like Saint Etienne, Bordeaux have bought a substantial Northern centre-half — in their case Specht, from Strasbourg, to beef up their defence; while the elegant, unflappable Trésor was of course playing already.

There have been several other notable new arrivals. Girard, Tigana and Giresse have stayed to continue constituting surely one of the most elegant midfields in Europe, while from Stuttgart comes Muller — no, not Hansi — to play up front beside Bernard Lacombe: not a World Cup success perhaps, but still a most effective centre-forward in the French context. Lacombe got two of those goals against Monaco, the second a really pleasing solo affair.

Lacombe had to drop out of the French World Cup attack after his injury in the Austrian game. Lacombe admits that when he struck the shot which led to Didier Six's goal in Valladolid against the Czechs he felt a pain behind the thigh. But as against that he denies that he went on to the field unfit for the first match of the second round against Austria.

He had been through all the training sessions, he points out. But alas the first time he kicked a ball in the Calderon Stadium against Austria, he felt a pain.

Ossie Ardiles made no more than a moderate League debut for Paris Saint Germain — still hoping to get Susic from Yugoslavia later in the season. Over 20,000, no exceptional crowd for the Parc des Princes, saw the Parisians win narrowly 1-0 over a moderate Rouen team, with neither Ardiles nor Dahles, eight years a prince of the Parisian midfield, doing great things.

Still, at least Paris S-G have kept Dahleb, when it looked, not for the first time, as if he might move. If Susic does arrive in January from Yugoslavia, after attaining his 28th birthday, he will find the 30-year-old Kees Kist already installed there. When he knew that Susic was likely to be a problem, and had realised that Brazil's Reinaldo was not the man he wanted, the determined Paris S-G President, Francis Borelli, went in hard for Kist; and eventually got the big Dutch international centre-forward, though he had a year of his contract still to run with A-Z Alkmaar.

Interestingly enough, Borelli was also in negotiation with Charlie George, who, it seemed, was prepared to sign a contract which would take him only till January, at which point it was hoped to bring in Susic; who in fact will not turn 28 till April. Despite the high expense, however, Borelli stuck to his guns over Kist, and eventually signed him; impressed by the four goals he had seen him rattle in during the summer in the Rimini Tournament.

Delighted to be back in the First Division with Mulhouse, after only one season out of the money, is the former French international midfielder, Jean-Noel Huck; who of course used to be a Paris S-G man, himself. He admits that when he left them he hesitated and debated long before agreeing to drop down a division, with Mulhouse.

It was, he felt, a bit of a step into the unknown; you could never be quite sure of coming out of the Second Division, again. But the deciding factor was the taking over of the managership by the former French international star Jean-Marc Guillou, with whom Huck had happily played in midfield at Nice. He had, he said, learned to "appreciate the man and the player."

So Huck embarked on what he now calls "a beautiful adventure," playing his, and Mulhouse's, way out of the Second Division with real football.

Paul Breitner is tackled by Dominque Rocheteau

West Germany are still under a World Cup cloud

by Arthur Rotmil

WEST GERMANY'S national team is coming to play England at Wembley on October 13, still under a cloud following some insipid performances and unsavoury incidents during the World Cup in Spain.

The humiliating defeat by Algeria, the suspicion of "fixing" the result v. Austria, the mis-timed charge by 'keeper Schumacher on the French player Battiston and the overbearing, oft arrogant attitude of some of the players unleashed a wave of criticism both at home and abroad. A lot of what was said and written was borne of ignorance of the facts, distorted or dramatised for greater effect.

Germany's achieved results must be taken in the proper perspective . . . 22 of the participating nations in Spain would have given their eye teeth to appear in the Final. That the Germans managed it despite losing to Algeria in the opening game, speaks for their resilience. Some of their key players like Rummenigge, Breitner, Stielike and Müller were not fully fit.

Rummenigge, who was pronounced as suffering from a thigh strain, throughout the tournament, and was given pain killing injections repeatedly, turned out to have had a pulled muscle. An amazing error of judgment by the team's doctor who has not heard the last of this sorry tale.

Admittedly, the games against Algeria, Austria and with reservations the second half of the Final v. Italy are best forgotten. But the Germans did play splendidly against Chile (4-1), Spain (2-1) and against France, when they turned a 1-3 deficit in extra time, into a marvellous victory in the most dramatic game of the tournament.

The Germans come to England as reigning European champions and in fact in the last four years they were beaten only once by a European team — the Italians in the World Cup final. The Germans have a fine recent record against England spanning 14 years. In the last seven matches they lost only once (at Wembley in 1975) but beat England four times and drew twice.

West Germany's 'Under-21 team' are also playing their English counterparts in a two-legged final of the European Championship this month and next on the eve of the Wembley international.

The poll on West Germany's "Footballer of the Year" produced a surprising result. Not one of the big stars, but modest centre back Karl-Heinz Förster (24) was chosen by the country's sports journalists as their No. 1 footballer. Förster, who together with his brother Bernd plays for VfB Stuttgart and played with him in the World Cup finals in Spain, is rates Europe's best stopper. He is only the fourth defender since 1960 to win the supreme honour.

Karl Heinz Foerster of West Germany.

In second place came Cologne's international winger Pierre Littbarski, followed by Rummenigge (European 'Footballer of the Year'), Stielike, Briegal and goalkeeper Schumacher. Förster, capped 42 times, is an automatic choice in the national side.

But some of the stalwarts of the recent German sides will not be seen again in the DFB-shirt. Paul Breitner has already declared his intention to quit the national team for the second time. He previously broke off his international career between 1975 and 1981. He recently made an unusual financial coup. For £40,000 he let himself be publicly shaved. For the widely publicised removal of his famous beard a well known manufacturer of after-shave lotion paid Breitner what must be the world record fee for a barber's services!

At 31 it is clear that Breitner no longer figures in manager Jupp Derwall plans for the future. Derwall made a fool of himself by saying "If we lose to Algeria, I shall take the train home." One cannot imagine his predecessors Herberger of Schön making such undignified predictions.

I warned in **WORLD SOCCER** (May issue) that the Algerians were the best of the so called outsiders, but any manager who underestimates or belittles the opposition deserves to be clobbered.

Derwall may try to build a new side around the fit again Bernd Schuster, who expressed the wish to play again for the national side, though there may be problems getting his release for all internationals from CF Barcelona. Possibly sensing that Breitner is no longer the mouth piece of the side and clearly on the way out, the blond prodigy may feel that his time has come at last.

Derwall's assistant Erich Ribbeck (45) was released from his duties. There was apparently disagreement between the two experienced "Trainers" on matters of training schedules, tactics and selection in Spain. Now, Ribbeck has been put in charge of West Germany's Olympic squad preparing for the 1984 games in Los Angeles.

Berti Vogts, who is in charge of the 'Under-21 team', seems the natural successor as Derwall's right hand man, but the DFB will wait a while before making a final decision.

Fears that the national team's World Cup yo-yo and other controversies would affect the gates in the Bundesliga, proved unfounded. On the first day of the championship the fans flocked in increased numbers to see their club teams.

The nine matches drew aggregate crowds of 270,000 — for an average of 30,000 per game. Last season the average was only 21,000 on the first day.

The main reason is probably the return to the upper sphere of such popular clubs like Schalke and Hertha. Schalke in fact drew against Borussia Mönchengladbach 69,000 fans — best of the day (receipts £200,000). Hertha's gate against Borussia Dortmund was nearly 40,000 in Berlin's Olympic stadium and that on a Tuesday night.

Dortmund made history by playing two

Pierre Littbarski of West Germany.

championship matches at the start of the programme before the vast majority of other teams had even kicked the first ball.

Borussia received special permission from the DFB to bring their first two games forward to Tuesday and Friday, so that they could compete in an international tournament in Madrid featuring hosts Atletico, Universidad Mexico and Atletico Mineiro of Brazil, during the following week. This was the start of a couple of weeks in which the club made some spectacular financial coups. From three separate sources they banked a staggering total of nearly £600,000.

First Borussia collected £30,000 from the Madrid tourney which they incidentally won in style, beating both the Brazilians and the Spaniards without conceding a goal. Next, they sold their Czech-born midfielder Votava to Atletico Madrid for £300,000. Votava whose parents defected from Czechoslovakia and who now has a German passport has in fact played five full internationals for his adopted country. He recently became unsettled and welcomed the move to Spain. Finally Borussia cashed in from their UEFA-Cup tie against Glasgow Rangers.

This is their first European tie after 16 years in the "wilderness". Strangely enough, their last opponents in Europe were also Rangers, who knocked them out of the Cup Winners' Cup (1966-67) when Borussia were the holders. For the home match a full house of 54,000 was expected to bring in receipts at the 'Westfalenstadion' of at least £216,000 — plus television and advertising fees. Admission prices had been raised by 30 per cent, so that a new record take was on the cards.

Championship favourites are Bayern Munich who strengthened their team with several acquisitions. Wolfgang Grobe a new 'libero' from Eintracht Brunswick cost £250,000; Belgium's international goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff from SK Beveren-Waas £225,000; fullback Bernd Martin from VfB Stuttgart (£75,000) and Norbert Nachtweih, a midfielder from Eintracht Frankfurt the most expensive at £375,000.

Pfaff should solve their goalkeeping problem, but in fact he only started one. The 28-year-old still faces competition from the 35-year-old Manfred Müller and Walter Junghans (23), as well as the national youth team 'keeper Raimond Aumann. Junghams is under contract till 1983, but will probably leave the club.

At right back Bayern now have Martin, who is to provide Dieter Hoeness, with whom he played at Stuttgart, with the high crosses on which the brother of Bayern's business manager Uli strives. They want to introduce this "double act" á la Kaltz and Hrubesch in Hamburg. Libero Grobe is the sixth the club has tried in this position once occupied so splendidly by Franz Beckenbauer.

Georg Schwarzenbeck, Wolfgang Rausch, Hans Weiner, Kurt Niedermayer and Bertram Beierlorzer all tried unsuccessfully to make this crucial position their own. Grobe at least can lean on the international Wolfgang Dremmler, with whom he played together in Brunswick. They still go fishing together, just like they did with their previous club.

The talented midfielder Nachtweih, a defector from East Germany, has also met an old team mate at Bayern. Wolfgang Kraus was formerly with Eintracht, but now he may lose his place to his old pal. Alternately it could be Dürnberger to make way for the erstwhile East German youth international.

Of the 24 full-timers at Bayern at least one is making a last stand to gain a first team place. Calle Del'haye, possibly the finest reserve winger in German football, who spent two years on Bayern's bench, has been playing in the season's opening matches. Wonders never cease — not so long ago team manager Pal Csernai vowed that Del'Haye will never become a regular under his reign...

European Transfers

- Continued from last month

SWITZERLAND

Aarau FC: Roberto Böckli (St Gallen), Thomas Staub (FC Zurich).

Basel: Winfried Berkemeier (Young Boys).

Bellinzona: Perer Hafner (St Gallen), Roger Kundert (FC Zurich), Winfried Kurz (FC Zurich).

Bulle FC: Marco Morandi (Neuchatel), Erwin Schnydrig (Sion).

Grasshoppers: Raimundo Ponte (Bastia, Fr).

Lausanne Sports: Lucio Bizzini (Servette), Fredy Scheiwiler (FC Zurich), Walter Pellegrini (Neuchatel).

Neuchatel-Xamax: Sandro Maccini (Bellinzona).

Servette: Michel Renquin (Anderlecht), Jean-Paul Brigger (Sion).

FC Sion: Pierre-Albert Tachet (Lausanne), Jean-Yves Valentini (Servette), Bernard Karlen (Vevey).

St Gallen: Manfred Braschler (SSW Innsbrück), Vladimir Yakovliev (Red Star Belgrade), Renato Hachler (Grasshoppers).

Vevey Sports: Joachim Siwek (Chiasso).

FC Wettingen: Urs Zurbuchen (FC Zurich), Urs Suter (Grasshoppers).

Young Boys: Michael Wagner (Los Angeles Aztecs), Marco Zwygart (Servette).

FC Zurich: Wynton Rufer (Mirimar, NZ), Rudi Zahner (Aarau).

TURKEY

Galatasaray: Ahmet Keloglu (Den Haag).

WEST GERMANY

Arminia Bielefeld: Gregor Grillemeier (RW Essen), Olli Isoaho (Finland), Peter Rautiainen (Bayern), Horst Wohlers (1860 Munchen).

Eintracht Braunschweig: Dieter Posipal (Hamburg), Lutz Eigendorf (Kaiserslautern).

Borussia Dortmund: Marcel Radacano (Rumania).

Fortuna D'dorf: Wolfgang Kleff (Borrussia Mg).

Hamburg: Wolfgang Rolff (Fortuna Köln;, Uwe Hain (Eintracht Bwg), Michael Schmidt (Charlottenburg), Allan Hansen (Odense).

Kaiserslautern: Torbjorn Nilsson (IFK Gothenburg), Thomas Allofs (Fortuna D'dorf).

Karlsruhe: Erhard Hofeditz (Kaiserslautern), Max Hagmayr (VOEST Linz), Helmut Zahn (Darmstadt).

Köln: Uwe Haas (Saarbrücken), Edhem Slijvo (Nice).

Bayer Leverjusen: Herbert Waas (1860 Munchen), Helmut Winkelhofer (Bayern), Frank Saborowski (MSV Duisburg).

Bayern Munich: Jean-Marie Pfaff (Beveren, Bel), Wolfgang Grobe (Eintracht Bwg), Bernd Martin (VfB Stuttgart), Norbert Nachtweih (Eintracht Frankfurt).

Nurnberg: Theo Schneider (Boruss Dortmund), Rene Botteron (Köln).

Schalke: Hubert Clute-Simon (Alemannia Aachen), Bernard Dietz (MSV Duisburg), Jochen Abel (Bochum).

VfB Stuttgart: Asgeir Sigurvinsson (Bayern), Kurt Niedermayer (Bayern), Thomas Kempe (MSV Duisburg), Joachim Löw (Eintracht Frankfurt), Ralf Obermüller (Freibuger).

Werder Bremen: Rudi Völler (1860 Munchen), Wolfgang Sidka (1860 Munchen).

Cross-section

THIS MONTH–HUNGARY

ZALAEGERSZEG were the team of the early stages of the new Hungarian League season.

The provincials, who usually occupy a mid-table position, first went to Budapest and beat Vasas 3-2, then at home in front of a full house capacity crowd, they defeated Ferencvaros 1-0. There were over 15,000 at the Vasas ground to see the "new" home team under the tried managership of Rudolf Illovazky.

But the first half was a disaster for the home team. In the 11th minute, Varga sent-in a right wing cross, and while the home defenders were waiting for each other to clear, Soos nipped-in and headed the ball into the net. Goalkeeper Leboniczky gave away a penalty two minutes later, and centre-back Kereki scored from the spot.

Vasas were desperate, but their international forward Kiss missed a sitter from three yards. Csepregi beat Hegedus in the 30th minute, and his centre was easily converted by Takacs. 3-0 at half-time to Zalaegerszeg! Vasas came back in the second-half and Varadi scored for them. Later, Kamjati made it 3-2, but they didn't have the wit and the energy to equalise.

According to Illovszky, his boys tried too hard to impress and were too nervous. He described the goals conceded as "schoolby errors". A week later, Vasas lost again 3-2 at Diosgyor, where Salamon is back in the side after a spell with the Greek club PAOK.

Champions Raba ETO opened the season confidently enough with a 2-0 home win over Diosgyor. In the pouring rain, Szabo opened the scoring after Gulyas, goalkeeper, pushed out a Szentes shot. Hannich got the second goal after a clever "one-two" with Poczik. The standard of football was satisfactory in these games, and was even better at Tatabanya, where Raba ETO were beaten 2-1.

The miners' team, under the management of Jeno Dalnoki, will be a good proposition this year. In their first game, they salvaged one point at Debrecen with a 1-1 draw. Jankovics put the home team in front here, but Tatabanya equalised through an own goal, and Dalnoki said that the result was fair and he was satisfied with his team's performance. Tata have lost their key-player Csapo this season — he is now with the French club, Toulouse.

Last year, Perencvaros were beaten at home by Haladas, so the green-and-whites took their opponents seriously. After a goalless first half, Nyilasi opened the scoring — he promised to be more active in the forward-line this term than he was last season — and eventually, 'Fradi' won easily 4-0! Torocsik is playing well for Dozsa in a withdrawn centre-forward role a la Zico, and the lilac-and-whites collected three points in their first two matches. At Pecs, they fought an honourable 2-2 draw, and at home, they beat Nyiregyhaza 2-1.

The days when a team from Budapest can safetly count on two points at home against provincial opposition are thankfully over, there are no easy matches in the Hungarian First Division. The reason for that is partly that there are no really outstanding teams, and partly that the provincials are no longer beaten before they take their place on the pitch.

Kalman Meszoly, securely installed as national team manager for four more years, is making elaborate plans to build a new young team for the European Championship.

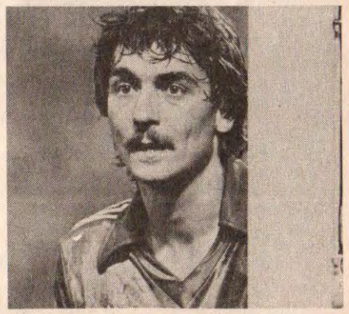
"This is the time to experiment", he said. "Against Turkey and France, I shall use players new to the international battlefield. I am thinking of youngsters like Preszeller of Haladas, Csuhay of Videoton, Farkas from Vasas, Kiss from Tatabanya. Of the 'foreign legionnaires', I shall use only Meszeros, who is still our best goalkeeper, and Fazekas, who is nearing his 100th cap.

"I will listen to the club managers, and their recommendations will be very important. I might build the team around Raba ETO. If they play as well as they did last season, there is no reason why I shouldn't utilise their players. The door is wide open . . ."

Meszoly still speaks about the World Cup. He says: "We learned a great deal there. Man-to-man marking is outdated, most teams use zonal marking, but all eleven players are included in their defensive set-up. It is amazing how tough the best teams were, and the amount of running their players were able to do in that Spanish heat. Rossi and Graziani are forwards, but they do not stand around waiting for the ball, they work all the time.

"We are far behind these teams with our ability to run, to defend and to attack as a unit. I have six months to teach the players these new methods, ball skills in themselves are simply not enough. We must learn, our forwards must be able to defend and our defenders should use the ball as forwards."

The Hungarians are willing pupils, but six months does not seem long enough to learn the basics of total football. I would be happier if they could unearth some outstanding players during this period, otherwise their European Championship campaign will not be very successful — England and Denmark will be hard nuts to crack!



Joszef Varga of Hungary.

Ferencvaros 4 (Nyilasi 2, Poloskei, Szabadi)
Haladas 0
Ref: M. Nagy.

Ferencvaros: Kakas, Jancsika, Dozsa, Rab, Judik, Ebedli, Pogany, Szabadi (Kvaszta), Koch (Szokolai), Nyilasi, Poloskei.

Haladas: Hegedus, Horvath, Pasztor, Pitos, Kanyar, Szarka (Kulcsar), Voros, Hegyi (Papp), Tar, Garics, Preszeller.

Pecs 2 (Dobany, I. Nagy)
Ujpest Dozsa 2 (Kiss, L. Nagy)
Ref: Hartmann.

Pecs: Katzirz, Huber, Toma, Schulteisz, Gallai, Lutz, Lorincz, Dobany, Dardai, I. Nagy, Meszaros.

Dozsa: Kollar, Heredi, J. Kovacs, Kardos, Toth, Szebegyinszky, Torocsik, Kisznyer, L. Nagy, Arky, Kiss.

Vasas 2 (Varadi, Komjati)
Zalaegerszeg 3 (Soos, Kereki pen, Takacs)
Ref: Palvolgyi.

Vasas: Leboniczky, Farkas, Balazs, Hegedus, Csima, Balogh (Birinyi), Komjati, Seres, Varadi, Kiss, Izso.

Zalaegerszeg: Balazs, Major, Kereki, Peter, Sipos, Soos (Pecsics), Simon (Topor), Torok, Varga, Takacs, Cxepregi.

Csepel 3 (Kelemen, Vincze, Meszoly pen)
MTK/VM 0
Ref: Divinyi.

Csepel: A. Kovacs, Kincses, Kohalmi, Godan, Galhidi, Meszoly, Kelemen, Lazsani, Tulipan, Dekany, Vincze.

MTK/VM: Gaspar, Szabados, Varga I, Turtoczky, J. Kovacs (Kurtosi), Bognar (Szijgyarto), Turner, Varga II, Borso, Fodor, Fulop.

Raba ETO 2 (Szabo, Hannich)
Diosgyoer 0
Ref: Hutak.

Raba ETO: Kovacs, Csonka (Varga), Hlagyvik, Mile, Magyar, Hannich, Poczik, Burcsa (Szepesi), Szabo, Szentes, Hajszan.

Diosgyor: Gulyas, Szlovak, Salamon, Teodorou I., Gorgei, Tatar, Olah, Teodorou II (Szlifka), Kerekes, Borostyan, Feledi.

Nyiregyhaza 1)Szucs pen)
Honved 0
Ref: Kuti.

Nyiregyhaza: Csepecz, Cseke, Szucs, Szikszai, Szecsi, Moldvan, Halasz, Varga, Polyak (Bezzegh), Kiss, Vago (Peto).

BP Honved: Menyhart, Paroczai, Lukacs, Garaba, Varga, Kerepeczki, Nagy, Detari (Segesvari), Dajka (Toth), Gere, Eszterhazy.

Debrecen 1 (Jankovics)
Tatabanya 1 (Fodor own goal)
Ref: Gyori.

Debrecen: I. Szucs, Ludanszki, Szigeti, Mohacsi, Fodor, Manyhart, Toth, Sallai, Farkas (Selyem), Kerekes, Jankovics.

Tatabanya: Kiss, Tepszics, Lakatos, Udvardi (Horvath), Fischer, Dupai, Emmer, Hermann, P. Nagy, Weimper (Kiprich), Schmiedt.

Bekescsaba 2 (Racz, Kanyari)
Videoton 1 (Palkovics)
Ref: Szavo.

Bekescsaba: Rabcsak (Olah), Racz, Kerekes, Tisza, Fabulya, Kanyari, Kohalmi, Takacs, Steigerwald, Kurucz (Pasztor), Szekeres.

Videoton: Disztl, Vegh, Borsanyi, Csuhay, Horvath, Kiss, Palkovics, Vadasz (Szabo), Csongradi, T. Nagy (Zsinka), Novath.

USSR by Terry Bushell

Lobanovsky is new national team manager

THE Soviet national team has a new manager — Valery Lobanovsky of Dynamo Kiev. He replaces Konstantin Beskov, who, though dismissed graciously by the Soviet Football Federation "with thanks" for his services, had been strongly criticised by the press after the Soviet team were eliminated from the World Cup finals.

Lobanovsky, 45, has been national team manager once before — briefly, in 1975-76, when, as manager of Kiev, he was the victim of the football federation's ill-fated decision to saddle the Kiev club en bloc with all the national team fixtures.

Hopelessly overburdened with domestic and European club commitments and World Cup qualifying matches and then, later, the Olympic programme as well, Kiev lost their flair, their form and their fitness. Lobanovsky was made the scapegoat for the absurd administrative decision. He was suspended from all managerial duties.

He returned to take up his old post with Kiev, however, and has led them back to their former eminence.

He was a player with Kiev for ten years until the mid-1960s, on the left wing. He was capped twice for the full national team and also played in the Soviet Olympics side.

He played for a year with Chernomorets Odessa and another two years for Shakhtyor Donetsk. He managed Dnepropetrovsk from 1968 till 1975, leading them to promotion and to fifth position in the top flight, and then returned to Kiev as manager.

For the last few years he has had ex-international Anatoly Puzach helping him, and was in Spain with Beskov for the World Cup finals as an assistant.

Unlike Beskov, who retained his Spartak duties while managing the national team, he will hand over the Kiev post to someone else and concentrate solely on the national squad.

Beskov, though he failed in the two objectives of winning the Olympics and the World Cup, nevertheless created in his three-year reign as manager of the Soviet national team the best for a decade.

Lucky in that he had class club players to choose from (but then this is always and everywhere a prerequisite for national team success) he moulded them into a side full of flair and spirit and in so doing dispelled for a long time to come the image of "dour" Soviet national teams.

Aware of his achievement, he has refused to sit back and silently accept the barrage of criticism in the Soviet press that followed the World Cup finals. "Those who criticise me believe that what they say is justified but football critics know football only from the outside," he said. "They don't know what goes on in the backroom."

He said that a manager may plan something but it may turn out quite different on the field, and that anyway the Soviet side played well against strong opposition in the opening games in Spain.

The Soviet players ran out of steam in the intense heat of their first match, against Brazil, and lost 2-1. After this match, several of them needed to be given oxygen in the dressing room. They then beat New Zealand 3-0 and pulled back to draw 2-2 with Scotland after conceding an early goal.

The decisive match was against Poland. The Poles only needed a draw, and they got it, albeit in a drab, goalless affair. Then the Soviet press turned on Beskov. The daily *Soviet Sport*, organ of the national Sports Committee, referred to tactical mistakes by the manager in the Poland match and criticised training methods.

Another daily, *Trud*, said Beskov's "coaching collective" had argued over strategy and training, which affected the side's performance.

His stepping down from the post seems to have been by mutual consent, though an official assessment of the Soviet performance in Spain by the Sports Committee would have been an important consideration. A meeting of the committee, which Beskov attended, decided "the performance of the Soviet squad in Spain was unsatisfactory."

An account of this meeting in *Soviet Sport* said, "The national squad's training programme for the European championships and Olympic Games has been reviewed. Steps will be taken to raise the standard of Soviet football."

Beskov had replaced Nikita Simonyan in exactly the same circumstances as he has now been replaced — a month after the chairman of the Sports Committee, Sergei Pavlov, had criticised Simonyan's record. And both Beskov and Simonyan were in charge for exactly three years, each being appointed and dismissed in September.

It must be said, however, that Simonyan's record was poor indeed. Under him, the Soviet Union failed to qualify for the 1978 Argentine World Cup finals and had lost too much leeway to qualify for the European championship finals.

After the Olympics, Beskov began to put together a side based on the individual skills of the Georgians from Dynamo Tbilisi and the disciplined teamwork of the Ukrainians from Dynamo Kiev.

This blend took the Soviet Union through their eight World Cup qualifying matches unbeaten, scoring 20 goals conceding only two.

The squad also contained three of the top ten places in the 1981 European Football of the Year poll. Kiev winger Oleg Blokhin (a previous winner of the poll) came fifth, with the Tbilisi pair Ramaz Shengalia and Alexandr Chivadze seventh and eighth respectively.

Beskov continued to manage his club, Spartak, throughout his tenure with the national side.

He had already had two short spells as boss of the national team, in 1963-64 and in 1974. In 1974 his players reached the Final of the European championships in Madrid, losing narrowly to host side Spain 2-1.

Two years previously he had led Moscow Dynamo to the Cup-Winners' Cup Final, where they lost 3-2 to Glasgow Rangers. This was the first time a Soviet side had reached a European club final.

Oleg Blokhin of the USSR.

As a player, he was a forward in the famous Moscow Dynamo team that toured Britain in 1945. He scored 103 goals in 231 games in the Soviet League.

As a manager, he was in charge in Torpedo, Central Army, Zarya and Lokomotiv as well as Moscow Dynamo before joining Spartak when they were in the second division. He guided them back to the top flight and then two years later to the League title.

Now, he says, he is once more going to concentrate his energies on managing Spartak.

Spartak have, in fact, crept up to third place in the league after languishing halfway for most of the season while their stars were away in Spain with the World Cup squad.

A 3-1 win over Kuban Krasnodar gave them 27 points, compared with the 31 of leaders Dynamo Minsk and the 28 of Dynamo Tbilisi.

Runners-up behind Kiev for the last two seasons running, they have been in an erratic mood this term, alternating brilliant victories with crushing defeats. Wins over Torpedo, Central Army and Shakhtyor set them on their path up the table.

Spartak members of the World Cup side came in for their share of criticism, with the honourable exception of goalkeeper Renat Dasayev, who is about the only Soviet player who can look back on the 1982 World Cup with pride.

Striker Yuri Gavrilov in particular, who managed only one goal in the series, and that against New Zealand, came in for a lot of stick for his slowness and apparent lack of physical fitness.

Spartak knocked Ararat Yerevan down into fourth place, having already taken a point from them at Yerevan in a match that was notable for having a prolonged half-time interval because of the intense heat. The temperature was a scorching 35 degrees

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New formation for Anderlecht as goals flow in Belgium...

from Philip Smith

THREE goals in Anderlecht's opening two games for Erwin Vandenbergh and a hat-trick for Simon Tahamata in Standard's 4-1 win at Waregem.

The new Belgian season may well be at registration stage but already last term's top pupils are clamouring for the position of head boy.

With their recruitment of Vandenbergh, Czerniatynski and Dirk De Vries, a promising right back from Brussels neighbours RWDM, Anderlecht have reacted in a most expensive way to Standard's title success. Together with the accommodation of the national team's attacking players (strike-force hardly seems appropriate in view of the World Cup displays) comes a daring new tactical formation, abandonment of five players at the back in favour of a more adventurous 4-4-2 system.

Certainly a 4-2 win at Cercle on the opening evening of the season raised hopes of a new exciting Anderlecht, but a goalless draw a week later at Liege brought back a semblance of reality.

Compared with their arch rivals, it was a quite summer for Standard. Gone from last year's squad are Voordeckers, Botteron and Lecloux, but as all three were patchy performers their loss will not cause undue hardship. Especially as Raymond Goethals managed to acquire Heinz Grundel from Waterschei, a German attacking midfield player whose presence on Standard's left flank can only improve the overall team balance.

The thrashing of Waregem was a case in point. Despite having Haan struggling with a thigh injury Standard proved far too strong for the local team who had an abundance of enthusiasm but little else. The attacking trio of Tahamata, Wendt and Grundel ran the home defence ragged, the little Dutchman having one of those nights where everything went right.

Major signing

Sitting on the bench ruefully watching his new team-mates working over the opposition was Goethals' other major signing, Willy Geurts from Anderlecht. A victim of Anderlecht's attacking clear-out, Geurts will do well to get a regular place in the Standard line-up. It is unlikely that a pairing of Wendt and Geurts, both rather one-paced target men, would fit into Standard's pattern of play and a straight choice between the two appears the answer.

Waregem would no doubt be pleased to have either in their side. Cor Peitsman from Schiedam VV and Bob De Klerk from Telstar were the summer signings from Holland, hardly world famous names and not the sort ot turn their new team into anything but a mid-table outfit. As in the past the Millecamps brothers will be the mainstays of the side, and trainer Popovics hopes the youth team will provide for the future. There are quite a few to choose from. At the start of the present season Waregem had 314 players signed on from the ages of 9-18. And that for a club in a town population 15,000.

Along with Waregem, the likes of Liege, Cercle, Tongeren, Kortrijk and Winterslag will be aiming above all to preserve their First Division status. With a bit of luck one of them might end up challenging for a European place. Last year Gent emerged from the lesser-known pack to mount an effort for honours. This year's favourite outsider could be Waterschei.

Whereas two years ago their cup success was regarded as something of a fluke, last season's victory smacked of something better to come. Grundel's influence will undoubtedly be missed, but Voordeckers, Clijsters, Berger and above all Van Kraay from Eindhoven are four good players who will strengthen all departments of the side and make Waterschei a dark horse for further honours.

Lierse are another team who have solidly rebuilt, though their's is a difficult situation to assess as nobody knows how much they will miss

Heinz Gründel...new boy at Standard Liege.

Vandenbergh. Chosen to replace Belgium's leading scorer was David Loggie, once of Burnley and York but more recently the scorer of 14 goals for Sparta Rotterdam last season. The addition of Van den Buys, Boskamp and Snelders gives the midfield a powerful look, but a lack of goals could be the main problem, two from their opening three games not being any reason to think contrary.

In fact a measly tally of 61 goals from the opening 27 matches was not the most enterprising way for the season to start, though the 18 First Division teams scored a total of 59 goals in disposing of their lower status opponents in the Belgian Cup first round matches. Top of the goals were Beveren with 8, followed by Anderlecht and Watershei, 7 each, and Club Brugge, 6.

Last season Club would have settled for 6 against a team of dustbins, so it looks like the presence of George Kessler at the helm is already proving beneficial. The ex-AZ 67 trainer brought with him Ronald Spelbos, who along with the now fit Symanowski has immeasurably improved the soft centre that was Club's problem spot. Unfortunately both full-backs, Van Binst and Walter Ceulemans, have suffered serious early season injuries so it may be too soon to talk of a major revival. However, gloom and despondency have given way to an air of optimism, and with two wins from the first three games perhaps better things lie on the Club horizon.

FIXTURES

BELGIUM

Aug 18. (May 28/29)
Beveren-Courtrai
Antwerp-Waterschei
Liege-Seraing
CS Bruges-Anderlecht
Molenbeek-FC Bruges
Lierse-Tongres
Winterslag-Beerschot
Waregem-Lokeren
Standard-Gent

Aug 21/22. (May 21/22)
Lokeren-Standard
Beerschot-Waregem
Tongres-Winterslag
FC Bruges-Lierse
Anderlecht-Molenbeek
Seraing-CS Bruges
Waterschei-Liege
Courtrai-Antwerp
Gent-Beveren

Aug 25. (May 14/15)
Beveren-Waterschei
Antwerp-Seraing
Liege-Anderlecht
CS Bruges-FC Bruges
Molenbeek-Tongres
Lierse-Beerschot
Winterslag-Lokeren
Waregem-Standard
Gent-Courtrai

Sept 1 (May 7/8)
Lokeren-Molenbeek
Beerschot-CS Bruges
Tongres-Liege
FC Bruges-Antwerp
Anderlecht-Beveren
Seraing-Courtrai
Waterschei-Gent
Waregem-Winterslag
Standard-Lierse

Sept 4/5 (Jan 15/16)
Beveren-Liege
Beerschot-Lokeren
Tongres-Standard
FC Bruges-Waregem
Anderlecht-Winterslag
Seraing-Lierse
Waterschei-Molenbeek
Courtrai-CS Bruges
Gent-Antwerp

Sept 11/12 (Jan 22/23)
Lokeren-Gent
Antwerp-Beveren
Liege-Courtrai
CS Bruges-Waterschei
Molenbeek-Seraing
Lierse-Anderlecht
Winterslag-FC Bruges
Waregam-Tongres
Standard-Beerschot

Sept 18/19 (Jan 29/30)
Beveren-Molenbeek
Antwerp-CS Bruges
Tongres-Beerschot
FC Bruges-Lokeren
Anderlecht-Standard
Seraing-Waregem
Waterschei-Winterslag
Courtrai-Lierse
Gent-Liege

Sept 25/26 (Feb 5/6)
Lokeren-Tongres
Beerschot-Gent
Liege-Antwerp
CS Bruges-Beveren
Molenbeek-Courtrai
Lierse-Waterschei
Winterslag-Seraing
Waregem-Anderlecht
Standard-FC Bruges

Oct 9/10 (Feb 12/13)
Beveren-Winterslag
Antwerp-Lierse
Liege-Molenbeek
FC Bruges-Tongres
Anderlecht-Beerschot
Seraing-Lokeren
Waterschei-Standard
Courtrai-Waregem
Gent-CS Bruges

Oct 16/17 (Feb 19/20)
Lokeren-Anderlecht
Beerschot-FC Bruges
Tongres-Gent
CS Bruges-Liege
Molenbeek-Antwerp
Lierse-Beveren
Winterslag-Courtrai
Waregem-Waterschei
Standard-Seraing

Oct 23/24 (Mar 5/6)
Beveren-Waregem
Antwerp-Winterslag
Liege-Lierse
CS Bruges-Molenbeek
Anderlecht-Tongres
Seraing-Beerschot
Waterschei-Lokeren
Courtrai-Standard
Gent-FC Bruges

Nov 6/7 (Mar 12/13)
Lokeren-Courtrai
Beerschot-Waterschei
Tongres-Seraing
FC Bruges-Anderlecht
Molenbeek-Gent
Lierse-CS Bruges
Winterslag-Liege
Waregem-Antwerp
Standard-Beveren

Nov 13/14 (Mar 19/20)
Beveren-Beerschot
Antwerp-Lokeren
Liege-Standard
CS Bruges-Waregem
Molenbeek-Winterslag
Seraing-Anderlecht
Waterschel-FC Bruges
Courtrai-Tongres
Gent-Lierse

Nov 20/21 (Apr 2/3)
Lokeren-Beveren
Beerschot-Courtrai
Tongres-Waterschei
FC Bruges-Seraing
Anderlecht-Gent
Lierse-Molenbeek
Winterslag-CS Bruges
Waregem-Liege
Standard-Antwerp

Nov 27/28 (Apr 9/10)
Beveren-Tongres
Antwerp-Beerschot
Liege-Lokeren
CS Bruges-Standard
Molenbeek-Waregem
Lierse-Winterslag
Waterschei-Anderlecht
Courtrai-FC Bruges
Gent-Seraing

Dec 4/5 (Apr 16/17)
Lokeren-CS Bruges
Beerschot-Liege
Tongres-Antwerp
FC Bruges-Severen
Anderlecht-Courtrai
Seraing-Waterschei
Winterslag-Gent
Waregem-Lierse
Standard-Molenbeek

Dec 18/19 (May 1)
Beveren-Seraing
Antwerp-Anderlecht
Liege-FC Bruges
Molenbeek-Beerschot
Lierse-Lokeren
Winterslag-Standard
Courtrai-Waterschei
Gent-Waregem

SWITZERLAND

Aug 15 (June 18)
Basel-Young Boys
Bellinzona-St. Gallen
Lausanne-Bulle
Neuchatel-Vevey
Sion-Aarau
Wettingen-Servette
Winterthür-Grasshopper
Zurich-Luzern

Aug 22 (June 12)
Aarau-Basel
Bellinzona-Winterthür
Bulle-Zurich
Grasshopper-Neuchatel
Luzern-Young Boys
St. Gallen-Wettingen
Servette-Lausanne
Vevey-Sion

Aug 25 (June 8)
Aarau-Neuchatel
Bulle-Wettingen
Grasshopper-Bellinzona
Luzern-Lausanne
St. Gallen-Sion
Servette-Basel
Vevey-Winterthür
Young Boys-Zurich

Aug 29 (June 5)
Basel-Vevey
Lausanne-St. Gallen
Neuchatel-Bellinzona
Sion-Grasshopper
Wettingen-Luzern
Winterthür-Aarau
Young Boys-Bulle
Zurich-Servette

Sept 5 (May 29)
Aarau-Zurich
Bellinzona-Basel
Bulle-Neuchatel
Grasshopper-Wettingen
St. Gallen-Young Boys
Servette-Luzern
Vevey-Lausanne
Winterthür-Sion

Sept 12 (May 19)
Basel-Grasshopper
Lausanne-Aarau
Luzern-Bulle
Neuchatel-Winterthür
Sion-Bellinzona
Wettingen-Vevey
Young Boys-Servette
Zurich-St. Gallen

Sept 18 (May 7)
Aarau-Luzern
Bellinzona-Lausanne
Grasshopper-Zurich
Neuchatel-Basel
St. Gallen-Bulle
Servette-Sion
Vevey-Young Boys
Winterthür-Wettingen

Sept 26 (Apr 30)
Basel-Winterthür
Bulle-Servette
Lausanne-Grasshopper
Luzern-St. Gallen
Sion-Neuchatel
Wettingen-Bellinzona
Young Boys- Aarau
Zurich-Vevey

Oct 10 (Apr 24)
Aarau-Servette
Bellinzona-Young Boys
Grasshopper-Luzern
Neuchatel-Lausanne
St. Gallen-Basel
Sion-Wettingen
Vevey-Bulle
Winterthür-Zurich

Oct 23 (Apr 16)
Basel-Sion
Bulle-Aarau
Lausanne-Winterthür
Luzern-Vevey
Servette-St. Gallen
Wettingen-Neuchatel
Young Boys-Grasshopper
Zurich-Bellinzona

Oct 31 (Apr 9)
Aarau-Wettingen
Basel-Lausanne
Bellinzona-Bulle
Grasshopper-Servette
Neuchatel-Young Boys
Sion-Zurich
Vevey-St. Gallen
Winterthür-Luzern

Nov 7 (Mar 23)
Bulle-Grasshopper
Lausanne-Sion
Luzern-Bellinzona
St. Gallen-Aarau
Servette-Vevey
Wettingen-Basel
Young Boys-Winterthür
Zurich-Neuchatel

Nov 10 (Mar 20)
Basel-Zurich
Bellinzona-Servette
Grasshopper-St. Gallen
Neuchatel-Luzern
Sion-Young Boys
Vevey-Aarau
Wettingen-Lausanne
Winterthür-Bulle

Nov 21 (Mar 6)
Aarau-Bellinzona
Bulle-Sion
Luzern-Basel
St. Gallen-Winterthür
Servette-Neuchatel
Vevey-Grasshopper
Young Boys-Wettingen
Zurich-Lausanne

Nov 28 (Feb 27)
Basel-Bulle
Bellinzona-Vevey
Grasshopper-Aarau
Lausanne-Young Boys
Neuchatel-St. Gallen
Sion-Luzern
Wettingen-Zurich
Winterthür-Servette

Algeria, favourites to win the African Football Confederation's silver jubilee tournament. Back (left to right): Cerbah, Larbes, Mansouri, Kaci Said, Kourichi, Guendouz. Front: Zidane, Gamouh, Belloumi, Madjer, Mayhouz.

Silver Jubile

THE African Football Confederation (AFC), will be 25 years old this month (October). And the body which controls football on the African Continent intends to celebrate the silver jubilee in a big way.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, the AFC has invited four nations — Ghana, Algeria, Zambia and Egypt for a special soccer tournament in Cairo, Egypt where the Confederation has its headquarters.

Arrangements for the silver jubilee celebrations, which began in earnest after the 13th African Cup of Nations soccer contest in Libya, have not been without problems.

Libya, who finished runners-up in the last African Cup and thus automatically qualified for the Jubilee tournament have had to withdraw because of that country's political differences with Egypt, who are hosting the competition.

Libya's withdrawal is an obvious retaliation to Egypt's earlier refusal to participate in the last African Cup of Nations soccer contest held in Gaddafis' Libya in March this year.

The political tug-of-war between Libya and Egypt, no doubt has been a mighty slap in the face of AFC officials who genuinely believe that politics should not be allowed to affect the smooth running of the Confederation formed in Cairo in 1957.

Unlike the strife-torn Organisation of

e celebrations in Africa

From
CHENEBA CHARLES NYARKO
in ACCRA

African Unity (CAU) the AFC has been instrumental in the steady rise of football standards in Africa by successfully organising annual club championships.

Notwithstanding Libya's withdrawal, the AFC is going ahead with the silver jubilee Tournament. In fact Zambia, third in the last African Cup, have been invited to replace Libya Jamahirya.

So everything now seems set for soccer fireworks in Cairo from October 3 as Ghana, the reigning African champions, Algeria, one of Africa's World Cup finalists, Zambia and Egypt battle for the special AFC Silver Jubilee Cup.

As far as football on the Continent is concerned Ghana have proved the most consistent side, having won the Africa Cup four times in 1963, 1965, 1978 and 1982.

Egypt, the host nation has also won the Africa Cup twice in 1957 and 1959.

Algeria and Zambia, the other nations for the Silver Jubilee contest have not won the African Cup but that is not to say that they will be push overs in Cairo.

On current form, Algeria, taking inspiration from their splendid performance in the World Cup are favourites — but not without a keen fight from Ghana who defeated them 3-2 in the semi-finals of the African Cup in Libya last March.

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TRANSFER NEWS: Algeria's World Cup star Lakhdar Belloumi, a key figure in their qualifying campaign, is set to join Spanish club Santander...THOMAS NKONO, Cameroon's World Cup goalkeeper, has joined Espanol of Barcelona for £100,000.

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GHANA, the reigning African champions, proved worthy representatives of the Continent when they finished runners-up in a ten-nation special Pestabola Meredka Invitational Tournament held in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur from August 7-22.

The African champions, however, lost 0-3 to a more skilful Brazilian representative side in the grand finals of the tournament which marked Malaysia's 26th Independence Anniversary Celebrations.

Other teams in the two-weeks long tournament were hosts Malaysia, Singapore, India, Thailand, South Korea, Senegal, Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Ghana played eight matches winning four, drawing two and losing two (all to the Brazilian side) in a round-robin series.

Brazil were represented by Santa Catarina, which comprised professional players selected from 14 first division clubs in the Santa Caterina district.

For winning the purely invitational tournament, Santa Caterina were presented with the gold trophy and a cash prize of 40,000 US dollars while Ghana, the runners up, returned home 20,000 US dollars richer.

In appreciation of their performance in the Malaysian tournament, the Ghanaian players were awarded state honours on their return home by the ruling Military Government — the Provisional National Defence Council (P.N.D.C.) headed by Flt. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings.

Ghana's matches in the competition:- Ghana 3, Singapore 0; Ghana 1, India 0; Ghana 4, Thailand 1; Ghana 1, Brazil 1; Ghana 1, South Korea 0; Ghana 0, Brazil 2; Ghana 2, Senegal 2; Ghana 0, Brazil 3.

The Spartans Football Club of Nigeria and Hasaacas Club of Ghana have qualified for the finals of the sixth edition of the West African Football Union (WAFU) soccer contest.

The first leg will be played on October 17, in Lagos with the grand finals fixed for the Accra Sports Stadium on October 31.

The Ghanaian Club qualified for the finals by eliminating Blackpool of Sierra Leone in the quarter finals and Stade Club of Mali in the semi-finals.

On their way to the finals their opponents Spartans of Nigeria disposed of Buffalo of Benin in the preliminaries, defeated Stella of Abidjan in the quarter-finals and eliminated Aiglous of Lome in the semi-finals.

HURST SE EKS SOCCER OASIS IN K UWAIT . . .

by Ken Goldman

JULY 30, 1966 was a red letter day in the life of Geoff Hurst as well as for English soccer, since on that day he scored a hat-trick as England beat West Germany 4-2 and lifted the World Cup.

Anyone could be forgiven for thinking that after that, everything else would be an anti-climax in a person's career but Hurst saw active service with Stoke and West Brom after leaving West Ham and became manager of first Telford, then Chelsea and linked up with his old boss Ron Greenwood in the England coaching set-up.

Now he starts a new career at the Kuwait Sporting Club with John Cartwright as his second in command.

Were there any regrets at leaving England and the England set up? — "None at all because I had five good years under Ron Greenwood, starting in September 1977, and it was a wonderful experience. To be honest my present offer has come because of my involvement with the England team. That opened up several doors for me and I am very grateful to Ron for having got me involved with England in the first place.

"I was considering leaving the set-up at this time and the Kuwait job presented itself. But the opportunity might have come from anywhere in the World although I think this is a great opportunity. There is a lot involved of course such as moving house, renting accommodation, taking the family out of their normal environment and finding suitable schools for the children and I did have to think those things over for a while.

"But once the initial decision was made I started making all the necessary arrangements and am now looking forward to the new job with great anticipation.

"I have been out to Kuwait twice and seen only a couple of games and one can only make a short assessment of the position especially the way the Club has played in the past. From that it seems they have wanted to take too many passes to get forward and there has been a fair amount of previous Brazilian influence on the way they play.

"We will now try to make them play a little more directly but without taking away any of their desire to express themselves. We will also try to encourage them to play more attackingly in their opponent's half rather than play one-two's on the edge of their own penalty area which can be a disaster if it breaks down, and they lose the ball.

"Two years, being the term of my contract, will be a very short time, because it only relates to two seasons. We will come back in the summer and I am sure I and my family will enjoy our stay very much.

"So far as improving the Club's football is concerned I am sure that John and myself with a good deal of hard work will be able to produce good results and improvements. We think we will be able to better influence the team play, the training, the discipline, the results and the club in general.

"We will, we think, see great strides in the youth teams since the club is run more along continental lines than English, it being a proper club and not just a football club. Therefore they have sides at under 14, under 17 and 20 and of course the full side, so although we are always going to be judged on how successful is the first team, the same as in any part of the world, we are looking to improve the youth sides particularly the under 17 and 20 sides, whom we have been told are the best in Kuwait. If we improve the under 17s and under 20s that could be a good base for the club in years to come."

Obviously as a player Hurst had an illustrious career but not perhaps such a happy time in management. I asked him if there had been disappointments and if so what they had been?

"Not many, apart from the obvious ones of losing the odd important game or not winning promotion when it might have been available, but they are things you have to accept and I do not really regard them as disappointments. The only really big disappointment for me was having to fight for my compensation after my dismissal from Chelsea.

"The sack you accept as part and parcel of the business as it is a very very hard profession, but that in itself again was not a great disappointment, but having to actually fight for some months to get the compensation, bitterly upset me, as I thought that was rightfully mine."

We continued to discuss management and it would be impossible to do so without talking of Ron Greenwood in view of the influence he has obviously had over Hurst.

Hurst was unstinting in his praise of his old boss and concluded: "As a player he transformed me from a rather ordinary midfield player into what some people have called a world class striker; and as a manager he taught me most of the things that I have tried to implement in Management.

"For some considerable while I do not think he was appreciated as he should have been. However, after he became England manager I think he really showed everyone in this country that he is one of the foremost authorities on international football and, with his great experience, did the job remarkably well."

Dave Mackay has been successful in Kuwait and the Middle East has also acquired Pat Welton, formerly assistant manager at Spurs, and Ernie Shepherd one time, manager of Southend.

And Hurst said: "I believe that our national game still has a lot to offer the world as it is exciting, full of commitment and many oher countries still envy what we put into our game. It is good to watch, good to play in and is very positive, and it is a great compliment that so many people around the world enjoy watching our matches on television.

"I think that John Cartwright and I can offer this in Kuwait to our club, and already we have worked at the physical side of the game with our players. They have impressed us with their willingness to work and their capabilities.

"Indeed when it comes to running and particularly at a 200 metre distance they have put up performances which are comparable with English players."

If Hurst can bring as much success to his Sporting Club of Kuwait as Dave Mackay has brought to his club then of course everyone will be more than satisifed. However success at first team level is not only what Hurst and Cartwright are about and they hope to leave a legacy among the younger players as well which will serve Kuwait well.

Geoff Hurst at the World Cup . . . sitting next to Don Howe and Ron Greenwood in Madrid during the decisive goalless draw with Spain which marked the end of Hurst's coaching assistance in the England set-up.

RUMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sportul Buc.	7	6	0	1	15	4	12
Dinamo Buc.	7	4	3	0	14	4	11
FC Olt Scornicesti	7	4	1	2	13	7	9
FC Corvinul H.	7	3	3	1	8	5	9
Univ. Craiova	7	4	0	3	15	7	8
FC Bihor Oradea	7	4	0	3	19	13	8
FC Arges Pitesti	7	3	3	1	12	8	8
Steaua Bucarest	7	3	2	2	9	8	8
SC Bacau	7	3	1	3	13	11	7
ASA Targu Mures	7	3	1	3	8	10	7
Petrolul Piolesti	7	3	1	3	7	10	7
Jiul Petrosani	7	2	3	2	8	11	7
Polit. Jassy	7	1	4	2	7	9	6
CR Valcea	7	3	0	4	7	11	6
FC Constanta	7	2	1	4	10	19	5
Polit. Timisoara	7	1	2	4	5	13	4
CS Targoviste	7	0	2	5	4	13	2
FCM Brasov	7	1	0	6	6	17	2

Top scorers: Grosu (FC Bihor Oradea), Nemteanu (Politehnica Jassy), Petcu (FC Constantza) 6; Georgescu (Dinamo Bucarest), Grigore (Sportul Bucarest), Gangu (CR Valcea) 5.

LUXEMBOURG

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Niedercorn	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
Jeunesse	4	3	0	1	10	5	6
Beggen	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
Red Boys	4	2	1	1	8	3	5
Rumelange	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Elschen	4	2	1	1	2	4	5
Aris	4	1	2	1	7	4	4
Grevenmacher	4	0	3	1	6	8	3
Stade	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
Wiltz	4	1	0	3	6	8	2
Alliance	4	0	2	2	2	8	2
Union	4	0	0	4	7	14	0

from Colin Jose

SERIOUS DECLINE HITS THE NASL

NASL FINAL TABLES — 1982

	GP	W	L	F	A	BP	Pts
Eastern Division							
New York	32	23	9	73	52	67	203
Montreal	32	19	13	60	43	49	159
Toronto	32	17	15	64	47	49	151
Chicago	32	13	19	56	67	53	129
Southern Division							
Ft. Lauderdale	32	18	14	64	74	57	163
Tulsa	32	16	16	69	57	59	151
Tampa Bay	32	12	20	47	77	42	112
Jacksonville	32	11	21	41	71	39	105
Western Division							
Seattle	32	18	14	72	48	60	166
San Diego	32	19	13	71	54	54	162
Vancouver	32	20	12	58	48	46	160
Portland	32	14	18	49	44	42	122
San Jose	32	13	19	47	62	38	114
Edmonton	32	11	21	38	65	33	93

(Win — 6pts (Regulation, Overtime), 4pts (shootout). Bonus points one point is awarded for each goal scored in regulation up to a maximum of three per team per game. No bonus points are awarded for goals scored in overtime or the team Shootout goal).

N.A.S.L. Attendances 1982

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	Total	Avg
CHICAGO	5,199	4,187	8,035	11,672	12,577	150,033	9,377
EDMONTON			9,923	10,926	10,598	78,745	4,921
FT. LAUDERDALE	8,148	10.479	13,707	14,262	13,324	197,525	12,345
JACKSONVILLE					9,940	114,564	7,160
MONTREAL					23,704	341,123	21,320
NEW YORK	34,142	47,856	46,689	42,804	34,841	459,966	28,747
PORTLAND	13,208	11,803	11,172	10,178	10,561	140,583	8,786
SAN DIEGO		5,323	11,271	12,744	14,802	136,444	8,527
SAN JOSE	17,739	14,281	15,092	13,168	12,242	176,187	11,011
SEATTLE	24,226	22,578	18,999	24,247	18,225	200,630	12,539
TAMPA BAY	19,492	18,123	28,546	28,345	22,531	296,121	18,507
TORONTO	7,336	6,233	11,821	15,040	7,287	130,444	8,152
TULSA		11,270	16,424	19,787	17,188	232,037	14,502
VANCOUVER	11,897	15,736	22,964	26,833	23,061	291,975	18,248

ARTIFICIAL turf, negative soccer, a depressed economy and high ticket prices are just some of the factors which caused a serious decline in attendances during the recently completed North American Soccer League regular season.

Already, with the play offs only just under way, three of the fourteen teams (there were 21 in 1981 and 24 in 1980) have announced that their franchises are up for sale. Not surprisingly one of these is the Edmonton Drillers who all but folded up in mid season as a result of serious financial problems.

Edmonton it would seem will be moving to Detroit for the 1983 season, a city where two NASL teams (the Cougars in 1968 and the Express from 1978 to 1980) have already come and gone. The other teams in trouble are the Portland Timbers a team that did well in the early years, when Portland became known as "Soccer City USA", and Jacksonville a team that has been operating in Florida for just two years after previously failing in New England.

There is a possibility that the Portland franchise will move to New Orleans, while the Jacksonville Tea Men are considering a move to Milwaukee which oddly enough is famous for its beer. Neither city has had an NASL franchise previously.

Meanwhile on the field more NASL teams than ever seem to be playing a negative brand of soccer, which is driving the fans away in their thousands. If coaches feel that they are protecting their jobs by playing this brand of soccer and bringing in results to please the owners, then its a form of blind optimism for the fans are being bored to death in their seats.

To succeed soccer in North America must first of all entertain and the entertainment value in many of the games I have seen this year has been almost non existant. One particularly bad game involved the Toronto Blizzard and the Jacksonville Tea Men where the game was almost completely destroyed by negative tactics along with the deadly combination of high wind and artificial turf.

Blizzard coach Bob Houghton, in line for coach of the year honours, and a man who himself has been critisiced for a defensive approach to the game while coaching at Malmo and Bristol City said afterwards of Jacksonville "If ever I saw a side that played without any style it was them tonight."

Houghton explained that the Tea Mens tactics were: "To hit long balls into the Toronto end, then move up and pack the midfield, thus making it very difficult to play the ball forward out of the defence.

"The only way you can beat that is to hit long balls over the crowded midfield the way they did and hope you can run onto them. Once this pattern is established its very difficult to get out of."

In this game there were often 20 players crowded between what used to be the 35 yard lines, with both goalkeepers punting the ball well into their opponents half, a tactic which under the circumstances also produced a string of offside calls which slowed the game down to a crawl.

Toronto midfielder Cliff Calvert said afterwards: "Playing in the midfield in such a game the ball always seems to be sailing over your head going in one direction or the other." While another Toronto player Argentinian Juan Carlos Molina noted that "In Argentina, the coaches and players would be in serious trouble with the spectators for playing soccer like this."

Artificial turf only compounded the problem in this game and the growing list of injuries in those clubs playing on this type of surface only reinforces the feelings of just about every player who has ever played on the artificial surface, that it should be banned from soccer.

In the leagues themselves, the New York Cosmos as expected topped the Eastern Division, however they did have some shocks along the way losing 4-1 at home to the Toronto Blizzard, the club's heaviest home defeat ever, and then almost immediately losing 3-1 in Montreal.

Fort Lauderdale won the Southern Division but struggled towards the end after having had the title seemingly locked up well before the close. Tulsa finished second here ahead of Tampa Bay who missed the play offs for the first time ever. Tampa also absorbed the biggest defeat of the season losing 9-2 to the Blizzard in Toronto a victory which seemed to deny Bob Houghton's defensive reputation. Tampa suffered an even bigger defeat in mid season when coach Gordon Jago resigned.

Out in the West it was Seattle who came out on top after a slow start to the season while San Diego, another team making a slow start, finished second with Vancouver third. Seattle led by Alan Hinton assembled an experienced British team with Nicky Reid anchoring a solid defence while the attack was well led by Peter Ward. Gary Mills, Steve Daley, Ray Evans, Kenny Hibbett along with American striker Mark Peterson all played key roles in the Sounders championship win.

In the first round of the play offs New York played Tulsa, Fort Lauderdale met Montreal, San Diego took on Vancouver and Seattle clashed with Toronto, in best of three series. As things stand each team has won one game at home, forcing in each case the third and deciding game.

Although attendances showed some upward movement as the season neared its end, only one of the fourteen clubs — the Toronto Blizzard — showed an increase in attendance over last season and that was only marginal.

Even New York where over 76,000 took in the FIFA World All Star game showed a dramatic decline with the average dropping below 30,000 for the first time since before Pele joined the club in 1975. In 1978 the Cosmos attracted an average of 47,856 that has now fallen all the way to 28,747.

Seattle too showed almost a 50 per cent drop over the 1977 season when the Sounders averaged 24,226.

NASL LEADING SCORERS — 1982

Giorgio Chinaglia (New York)	32	20	15	55
Karl-Heinz Granitza (Chicago)	32	20	9	49
Peter Ward (Seattle)	32	18	18	49
Ricardo Alonso (Jacksonville)	30	21	4	46
Laurie Abrahams (Tulsa)	31	17	10	44
Neill Roberts (Toronto)	26	17	8	42
Ace Ntsoelengoe (Toronto)	32	14	12	40
Mark Peterson (Seattle)	31	17	5	39
David Bryne (Toronto)	32	8	23	39
Godfrey Ingram (San Jose)	31	17	3	37
Alan Willey (Montreal)	27	15	7	37
Branko Segota (Ft. Lauderdale)	29	12	13	37

Top goalscorer Giorgio Chinaglia.

European Championship

Preliminary Round

Group 1

6.10.82 Belgium — Switzerland
13.10.82 Scotland — E. Germany
17.11.82 Switzerland — Scotland
15.12.82 Belgium — Scotland
30. 3.83 Scotland — Switzerland
30. 3.83 E. Germany — Belgium
27. 4.83 Belgium — E. Germany
14. 5.83 Switzerland — E. Germany
12.10.83 Scotland — Belgium
12.10.83 E. Germany — Switzerland
9.11.83 Switzerland — Belgium
16.11.83 E. Germany — Scotland

Group 2

8. 9.82 Finland — Poland 2-3
22. 9.82 Finland — Portugal 0-2
10.10.82 Portugal — Poland
13.10.82 USSR — Finland
17. 4.83 Poland — Finland
27. 4.83 USSR — Portugal
22. 5.83 Poland — USSR
1. 6.83 Finland — USSR
21. 9.83 Portugal — Finland
9.10.83 USSR — Poland
28.10.83 Poland — Portugal
13.11.83 Portugal — USSR

Group 3

22. 9.82 Denmark — England 2-2
9.10.82 Luxembourg — Greece
10.11.82 Luxembourg — Denmark
17.11.82 Greece — England
15.12.82 England — Luxembourg
27. 3.83 Luxembourg — Hungary
30. 3.83 England — Greece
16. 4.83 Hungary — Luxembourg
27. 4.83 England — Hungary
27. 4.83 Denmark — Greece
15. 5.83 Hungary — Greece
1. 6.83 Denmark — Hungary
21. 9.83 England — Denmark
12.10.83 Hungary — England
12.10.83 Denmark — Luxembourg
26.10.83 Hungary — Denmark
16.11.83 Greece — Denmark
16.11.83 Luxembourg — England
3.12.83 Greece — Hungary
14.12.83 Greece — Luxembourg

Group 4

22. 9.82 Wales — Norway 1-0
13.10.82 Norway — Yugoslavia
27.10.82 Bulgaria — Norway
17.11.82 Bulgaria — Yugoslavia
15.12.82 Yugoslavia — Wales
27. 4.83 Wales — Bulgaria
7. 9.83 Norway — Bulgaria
21. 9.83 Norway — Wales
12.10.83 Yugoslavia — Norway
16.11.83 Bulgaria — Wales
14.12.83 Wales — Yugoslavia
21.12.83 Yugoslavia — Bulgaria

Group 5

1. 5.82 Romania — Cyprus 3-1
8. 9.82 Romania — Sweden
6.10.82 Czechoslovakia — Sweden
13.11.82 Italy — Czechoslovakia
13.11.82 Cyprus — Sweden
4.12.82 Italy — Romania
12. 2.83 Cyprus — Italy
27. 3.83 Cyprus — Czechoslovakia
16. 4.83 Romania — Italy
16. 4.83 Czechoslovakia — Cyprus
15. 5.83 Sweden — Cyprus
15. 5.83 Romania — Czechoslovakia
26. 5.83 Sweden — Italy
9. 6.83 Sweden — Romania
21. 9.83 Sweden — Czechoslovakia
15.10.83 Italy — Sweden
12.11.83 Cyprus — Romania
16.11.83 Czechoslovakia — Italy
30.11.83 Czechoslovakia — Romania
22.12.83 Italy — Cyprus

Group 6

22. 9.82 Austria — Albania 5-0
13.10.82 Austria — N. Ireland
27.10.82 Turkey — Albania
17.11.82 N. Ireland — W. Germany
17.11.82 Austria — Turkey
15.12.82 Albania — N. Ireland
30. 3.83 N. Ireland — Turkey
30. 3.83 Albania — W. Germany
23. 4.83 Turkey — W. Germany
27. 4.83 Austria — W. Germany
27. 4.83 N. Ireland — Albania
12. 5.83 Albania — Turkey
8. 6.83 Albania — Austria
21. 9.83 N. Ireland — Austria
5.10.83 W. Germany — Austria
12.10.83 Turkey — N. Ireland
26.10.83 W. Germany — Turkey
16.11.83 W. Germany — N. Ireland
16.11.83 Turkey — Austria
20.11.83 W. Germany — Albania

Group 7

5. 6.82 Malta — Iceland 2-1
1. 9.82 Iceland — Holland 1-1
22. 9.82 Holland — Rep. Ireland 2-1
13.10.82 Rep. Ireland — Iceland
27.10.82 Spain — Iceland
17.11.82 Rep. Ireland — Spain
19.12.82 Malta — Holland
16. 2.83 Spain — Holland
30. 3.83 Malta — Rep. Ireland
27. 4.83 Spain — Rep. Ireland
15. 5.83 Malta — Spain
29. 5.83 Iceland — Spain
5. 6.83 Iceland — Malta
7. 9.83 Holland — Iceland
21. 9.83 Iceland — Rep. Ireland
12.10.83 Rep. Ireland — Holland
16.11.83 Holland — Spain
16.11.83 Rep. Ireland — Malta
17.12.83 Holland — Malta
21.12.83 Spain — Malta

LEAGUE TABLES
South & Central America

ARGENTINA: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Oeste	5	3	2	0	8	3	8
Estud. de La Plata	5	4	0	1	5	1	8
Velez Sarsfield	5	3	2	0	5	1	8
Newell's Old Boys	5	2	3	0	7	3	7
Boca Juniors	4	2	2	0	7	3	6
River Plate	4	3	0	1	4	3	6
Racing Córdoba	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
Huracan	5	2	2	1	3	1	6
Argentinos Juniors	5	2	1	2	8	6	5
Independiente	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
Union de Santa Fe	5	2	1	2	9	9	5
Talleres Córdoba	5	1	3	1	6	7	5
Nueva Chicago	5	2	0	3	8	9	4
Quilmes	5	2	0	3	5	7	4
Rosario Central	5	1	1	3	8	8	3
Instituto Córdoba	5	0	3	2	4	8	3
Racing (Avellaneda)	4	0	1	3	0	6	1
Platense	4	0	0	4	1	9	0
Sarmiento Junin	5	0	0	5	2	11	0

BRAZIL: Carioco Championship
Leaders — 1. Flamengo 8 pts; 2. Bangu, Vasco da Gama, Fluminense, Volta Redonda 7.

VENEZUELA: Professional League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
San Cristobal	17	7	8	2	19	11	22
Galicia	17	6	9	2	13	11	21
Tachira	17	7	6	4	22	16	20
Univ. de los Andes	17	8	4	5	20	12	20
Estudiantes	17	7	5	5	21	17	19
Lara	17	5	8	5	13	14	18
Petroleros Zulia	17	6	5	6	18	17	17
Italia	16	6	5	5	18	16	17
Portuguesa	17	5	7	5	21	22	17
Zamora	17	2	7	8	13	19	11
Valencia	17	2	7	8	7	17	11
Portugues	17	3	5	9	13	31	11

COLOMBIA — Professional League (2nd round)

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Indep. Medellin	6	2	4	0	9	6	8
Pereira	6	1	5	0	4	3	7
Nacional Medellin	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
Union Magdalena	6	2	2	2	7	9	6
Deportivo Cali	6	2	2	2	7	9	6
America de Cali	6	2	1	3	4	5	5
Indep. Santa Fe	6	1	3	2	12	12	5
Group B							
Tolima	6	5	1	0	10	1	11
Millionarios Bogota	6	4	1	1	13	5	9
Atletico Junior	6	4	0	2	12	6	8
Cucuta	6	1	2	3	10	12	4
Caldas	6	1	2	3	8	13	4
Bucaramanga	6	1	1	4	7	12	3
Quindio	6	1	0	5	5	15	2

(Top two from each section enter final round — after 26 games — together with top two of first round — Dep. Cali and America — and two other clubs with most points from both rounds.)

BOOK REVIEWS

FEW English clubs have established an appreciation society as widespread as that of Tottenham Hotspur.

Manchester United may appeal more to those who must be passionately involved in their football, Liverpool to those who revere cool professionalism at its most intense.

But for those who just enjoy watching football and who like to see a team winning with style, skill and class, then in England at least they'll generally turn towards the Spurs.

Now a book has been published to celebrate that style. It's not to be compared with the controversial Glory Game of a few years back. This is not an attempt to dissect the club — rather an attempt to record the glory and celebrate the club's heroes over the years.

Entitled **And the Spurs go Marching on**, by **Phil Soar** and published by **Hamlyn** at **£9.95**, it's the sort of publication sometimes described as a "coffee table book" i.e. a book that's not only an enjoyable read but published with the sort of style which befits a book about one of English football's most stylish teams.

On a very different level, of course, is the **Rothmans Football Yearbook (Queen Anne Press, £6.50** soft covers and also in hard covers at £8.95). Here are all the usual features — but then, that is the strength of this bible of the game edited once again by former World Soccer editor, Jack Rollin.

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Finally, the first of the Christmas annuals is upon us in the shape of the **Sun Soccer Annual 1983.**

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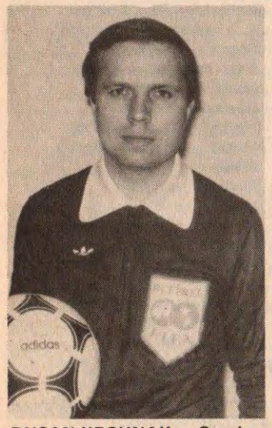

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Centrigrade. The Spartak players just back from Spain must have thought and hoped such heat was behind them.

Ararat's sole World Cup player, Oganesyan, put the hosts ahead just before the extended interval, and Cherenkov equalised with a hard shot just after it. Ararat, true to form, though more used to intense heat than most of the Spartak players, then shut up shop. The entire team took up deep defensive positions, not even bothering with counter-attacks.

Until the Spartak thrust to third place, there was the unusual situation of not a single Moscow club this season showing any sign of approaching the top. Only one, in fact — Torpedo — managed to get in the top half of the table. They attained tenth position. The other three Moscow clubs in the Supreme League — Spartak, Dynamo and Central Army, were all in a row behind them.

Pakhtakor Tashkent's veteran skipper Andrei Yakubik tops the goal-scoring list with 16 goals from 23 matches. Against Kharkov Metallist he scored both his side's goals in a 2-1 win, and then scored as Pakhtakor went down 3-1 at Torpedo Kutaisi.

Chernomorests became the first team this season to have played in ten drawn matches, which under Supreme League rules means they got no further points for any drawn games. The rule is supposed to encourage attacking play. Such encouragement is obviously not working with Yerevan.

Tbilisi, like Spartak, have also been going great guns with the return of their World Cup stars. The Georgians reached second place with a 2-0 away win at Kuban Krasnodar.

New striker Grigory Tsava, only 20, brought in to replace the retired David Kipiani, opened the scoring in the fourth minute, hammering home a cross from Shengelia on the right wing.

Shengelia himself scored the second, from the penalty spot nine minutes after the break.

Tbilisi allowed Spartak to gain a point on them in the next match, however, when they could only draw 3-3 at Donetsk while Spartak were winning 3-1 at Kharkov.

Spartak dominated this match with Metallist from beginning to end, with goals from Shavlo, Shvetsov and Gavrilov putting them in an unassailable position before Linke scored a consolation goal for the hosts.

Tsava could well be a name to look out for in the future, for he scored again at Donetsk — as did Shengelia, for whom it was the 80th goal in the Supreme League.

Kiev winger Oleg Glokhin still heads this goal-scoring table, however, with 169. In joint third place are Central Army's Chesnokov and Tashkent's Yakubik, both with 76.

PEN PALS

20-YEAR-OLD male from Tanzania wishes to correspond with sport collectors from all over the world. Hobbies football, stamps, travelling and correspondence. All letters answered. Write in English or Swahili to Ramson Suleiman, c/o Mohamed Rajabu, Box 9124, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

WANTED: Pen pal male/female from Brazil. Please write in English to Carole Jones, Brackleys Way, Solihull, West Midlands B92 8QJ, England.

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18-YEAR-OLD would like pen pal boy or girl from anywhere in the world. Hobbies are football and music. Would also like to exchange souvenirs. All letters answered. Vondenleerghe Chierry, 187 Avenue, Noureelle Bte 15, Bruxelles 1040, Belgique.

SCOTTISH GIRL (15) wishes to correspond with boys who regularly watch any European or Australian club side. Please write in English to: Yvonne Cobban, 2 Moidart Court, Barrhead, Glasgow, Scotland.

23-YEAR-OLD MALE would like to correspond with soccer fans from all over the world. Gary Findeis, 8 Marine Terrace, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 1EJ. All letters answered.

WANTED. PEN PAL who supports Brazil, Italy or France to exchange programmes and souvenirs, etc from national and local club sides. Write (in English) to: S. Ramzan, 32 Handsworth Road, Sheffield, S9 4AD, Yorkshire, England.

18-YEAR-OLD MALE wishes to correspond worldwide, especially America and Europe. Hobbies football and music. Write to: Frank Koranteng, P.O. Box 3265, Kumasi, Ghana.

18-YEAR-OLD English soccer fan would like to correspond with female penfriends worldwide. Peter Naylor, 70 Kingston Lane, Shoreham-By-Sea, West Sussex, BN4 6YQ, England.

15-YEAR-OLD student wants pen pals worldwide, especially England and Brazil. Write in English to Sze Wilson, 2B Glee Path, 9/F, Mei Foo Sun Chuen, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

PEN PALS WANTED by 17-year-old student. Hobbies football, swimming, reading, exchanging of pictures and post-cards. Write to Anthony Ogunbolarin, P.O. Box 141, Ebute-Metta, Lagos, Nigeria.

PEN PALS wanted from Brazil, Europe, Japan, USA and Australia by 21-year-old male. Write to E. T. Nartey, c/o Mr J. A. Tsawe, Department of Forestry, PO Box 31, Sunyani — B/A, Ghana.

RUSSELL GEORGE (16), 82 Wood Street, Wainuiomata, New Zealand, wishes to correspond in English with soccer fans worldwide to exchange souvenirs and information about soccer. All letters answered.

SOCCER FAN (16) would like girl pen pals aged 15-18 from USA, France and Denmark. Hobbies music and supporting Liverpool F.C. Write to Andrew Monk, 37 Burbridge Road, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 0ED, England.

15-YEAR-OLD GERMAN BOY who supports V&B Stuttgart and Bayern Munich would like to correspond or exchange souvenirs worldwide. Write to: Matthias Fechner, Golferinoweg 20b, 7000 Stuttgart 80, West Germany.

19-YEAR-OLD GIRL would like pen pals worldwide. Please write to Junkp Masuda, 1-33 Higashi-Yukigaya, Otaku, Tokyo, 145 Japan.

JANET, 22, will write to French, Italian and German men 20-35 who love football. Please write in English. Janet Edge, 77 Fallowfield Road, Liverpool 15 5BN.

World Player of the Year poll

FOOTBALL is full of awards — for teams as well as individuals.

But, surprisingly, among all the trophies and accolades there has never been one to nominate the World Footballer of the Year.

Until now. *World Soccer,* with its editorial policy and readership which spreads around the world, is launching its own poll to determine just that.

The poll will take into account the views of both contributors and readers and the result will be announced in our December edition.

All those readers who wish to cast their votes are invited to send in their nominations for the World Footballer of the Year, World Manager of the Year and World Team of the Year.

Send your votes to:
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Classified results

SPANISH SUMMER TOURNAMENTS

LA VENDIMIA (Jerez): Sevilla 3, Cadiz 1 — Ujpest Dozsa 3, Jerez 2. **3rd place:** Jerez 5, Cadiz 2. **Final:** Sevilla 1, Ujpest 0.

LA LINEA: Real Madrid 2, Vojvodina 1 — Bilbao 3, Nottingham Forest 1. **3rd place:** Vojvodina 2, Nottm Forest 1. **Final:** Real Madrid 2, Bilbao 0.

CASTELLON: Castellon 7, Villarreal 0 — MTK Budapest 1, Burriana 1 (MTK on pens). **3rd place:** Burriana 3, Villarreal 1. **Final:** MTK 2, Castellon 2 (MTK on pens).

SEVILLE (triangular): Sevilla 2, CSKA Sofia 1 — CSKA 3, Ferencvaros 1 — Sevilla 3, Ferencvaros 2. **Winners:** Sevilla.

BILBAO: Bilbao 4, Vitoria Setubal 1 — Atletico Mineiro 2, Hamburg 2 (Mineiro on pens). **3rd place:** Setubal 2, Hamburg 0. **Final:** Atletico Mineiro 0, Bilbao 0 (Atletico Mineiro on pens).

PALMA: Slovan Bratislava 2, Mallorca 1 — Paris St-Germain 0, Espanol 0 (Paris on pens). **3rd place:** Mallorca 4, Espanol 4 (Mallorca on pens). **Final:** Paris St-Germain 3, Slovan 0.

TERESA HERRERA (La Coruna): Barcelona 1, Internacional Porto Alegre 0 — Dynamo Kiev 2, Bayern Munich 1. **3rd place:** Bayern 4, Internacional 0. **Final:** Kiev 4, Barcelona 1.

MARBELLA: Malaga 2, Bayer Leverkusen 1 — Liverpool 2, Betis 0. **3rd place:** Betis 3, Bayer Leverkusen 0. **Final:** Malaga 1, Liverpool 1 (Malaga on pens).

BARCELONA: Spartak Moscow 2, Osasuna 0 — Espanol 3, West Bromwich 2. **3rd place:** Osasuna 2, West Bromwich 1. **Final:** Spartak 3, Espanol 1.

SANTANDER (triangular): Ujpest 1, Santander 0 — Cruzeiro 4, Ujpest 1 — Cruzeiro 2, Santander 0. **Winners:** Cruzeiro.

ZARAGOZA: Zaragoza 0, MTK 0 (Zaragoza on pens) — Man. Utd. 3, Honved 1. **3rd place:** MTK 3, Honved 1. **Final:** Man. Utd 5, Zaragoza 3.

CEUTA (triangular); Ceuta 1, Slovan Bratislava 0 — Atletico Madrid 3, Slovan 1 — Ceuta 0, Atletico Madrid 0. **Winners:** Atletico Madrid.

FESTA D'ELIG (Elche): **Single game:** Elche 2, Internacional (Brz) 1.

VIGO: Celta de Vigo 1, Hajduk Split 0 — Real Madrid 3, Gijon 1. **3rd place:** Gijon 0, Hajduk 0 (Gijon on pens). **Final:** Real Madrid 3, Celta 2.

COSTA BLANCA (Alicante, triangular): Hercules Alicante 1, Deportivo Galicia 0 — Vasas Budapest 6, Galicia 1 — Vasas 2, Hercules 0. **Winners:** Vasas.

COLOMBINO (Huelva): Huelva 1, Sevilla 1 (Huelva on pens) — Nottm. Forest 3, Bilao 1. **3rd place:** Bilbao 1, Sevilla 0. **Final:** Nttm. Forest 1, Huelva 0.

MELILLA: Malaga 3, Melilla 1 — Vitoria Setubal 1, Moscow Spartak 0. **3rd place:** Spartak 1, Melilla 0. **Final:** Vitoria Setubal 2, Malaga 1.

AUTONOMIA RIOJA: **Single game:** Internacional (Brz) 3, Logrones 1.

VILLA DE MADRID: Atletico Madrid 3, Universidad de Mexico 2 — Borussia Dortmund 1, Atletico Mineiro 0. **3rd place:** Universidad 1, Atletico Mineiro 0. **Final:** Borussia Dortmund 2, Atletico Madrid 0.

VALLADOLID: Cruzeiro 2, Salamanca 0 — Valladolid 4, Dep. Galicia 1. **3rd place:** Salamanca 3, Dep. Galicia 0. **Final:** Cruzeiro 5, Valladolid 0.

JUAN GAMPER (Barcelona): Man. City 1, Köln 1 (Man. City on pens) — Internacional 0, Barcelona 0 (Inter on pens). **3rd place:** Köln 1, Barcelona 1 (Köln on pens). **Final:** Internacional 3, Man. City 1.

NARANJA (Valencia triangular): Valencia 2, Luton 0 — Kaiserslautern 2, Luton 1 — Kaiserslautern 3, Valencia 0. **Winners:** Kaiserslautern.

LINARES (triangular): Linares 4, Sporting Kenitra (Mor) 1 — Murcia 4, Sporting Kenitra 2 — Linares 3, Murcia 1. **Winners:** Linares.

COSTA VERDE (Gijon): Gijon 1, Oviedo 0 — Red Star Belgrade 1, Barcelona 0. **3rd place:** Barcelona 1, Oviedo 0. **Final:** Red Star Belgrade 1, Gijon 0.

PAMPLONA (triangular): Osasuna 3, Espanol 2 — Espanol 2, China 1 — Osasuna 3, China 2. **Winners:** Osasuna.

SANTIAGO BERNABEU (Madrid): Hamburg 6, Bordeaux 0 — Standard Liege 1, Real Madrid 1 (Standard on pens). **3rd place:** Real Madrid 2, Bordeaux 0. **Final:** Hamburg 3, Standard Liege 1.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL CUP
(Inter-toto)

FINAL TABLES

Group one	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Standard Liege	6	3	1	2	12	10	7
Bayer Leverkusen	6	2	2	2	12	9	6
Chern. Varna	6	2	2	2	7	8	6
Hvidovre	6	1	3	2	5	9	5
Group two							
Widzew Lodz	6	3	1	2	8	7	7
Amr. Bielefeld	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
St Gallen	6	3	0	3	7	8	6
FC Liege	6	2	1	3	8	9	5
Group three							
Aarhus	6	4	0	2	14	12	8
Werder Bremen	6	3	1	2	21	13	7
Plastika Nitra	6	2	1	3	16	16	5
Sturm Graz	6	2	0	4	11	21	4
Group four							
Lyngby	6	3	1	2	11	7	8
MSV Duisburg	6	3	1	2	12	7	7
Motor Lublin	6	1	3	2	8	11	5
FC Lucerne	6	1	2	3	4	10	4
Group five							
Admira Wacker	6	4	1	1	8	6	9
Hapoel Tel-Aviv	6	4	0	2	12	10	8
Norrkpping	6	2	0	4	14	8	4
Hapoel Kfar-S.	6	1	1	4	8	18	3
Group six							
Bohemians P.	6	6	0	0	16	3	12
Gwardia Warsaw	6	2	1	3	7	8	5
Young Boys	6	2	1	3	8	13	5
Linzer ASK	6	1	0	5	6	13	2
Group seven							
Brage IKB	6	5	0	1	10	2	10
Pogon Szcz.	6	3	1	2	10	9	7
Sparta Praha	6	1	2	3	4	8	4
Wiener SK	6	0	3	3	10	15	3
Group eight							
Oesters Vaxjo	6	4	1	1	12	7	9
Zbr. Brno	6	4	1	1	11	6	9
LKS Lodz	6	1	2	3	8	10	4
FC Zurich	6	1	0	5	7	15	2
Group nine							
IFK Gothenburg	6	4	1	1	19	11	9
Naestved	6	3	1	2	13	14	7
Chernomore B.	6	2	1	3	17	16	5
Banik Ostrava	6	1	1	4	8	16	3

CUP OF THE ALPS
(France/Switzerland)

FINAL TABLES

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Bs	Pts
Nantes	4	3	1	0	7	2	0	7
Metz	4	1	2	1	11	8	1	5
Lyon	4	2	0	2	8	7	1	5
Auxerre	4	0	3	1	4	5	0	3
Bastia	4	0	1	3	1	9	0	1
Group B								
Neuchatel	4	3	0	1	11	6	1	7
Servette	4	2	2	0	5	2	0	6
Basel	4	1	2	1	6	9	0	4
Grasshoppers	4	0	3	1	4	5	0	3
Sion	4	1	0	3	5	9	0	2

Final: Neuchatel Xamax 0, Nantes 1 (Adonkor 86 min).

SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA LIBERTADORES CUP
(South American Club Championship)

Group 1
July 27

The Strongest (Bolivia) (0) 1 (Huguenet)
River Plate (Argentina) 0

The Strongest: Galarza, Garrido, Palacios, Martinez, Heredia, Mercado, Peckerman, Huguenet, Padilla, Insfran, Rojas

River Plate: Fillol (Puentedura), Saporiti, Tarantini, Nieto, Olarticoechea, Merlo, Gallego, Tapia (Vieta), Alzamendi, Chaparro, Commisso.

Referee: Hugo Ardila, Colombia.

July 30

Wilsterman (Bolivia (0) 1 (Bengolea)
Boca Juniors (Argentina) 0

Wilsterman: Perez, Villalon, Navarro, Bengolea, Arias, Enriquez, Villaroel, Taborga, Blanco, Melgar, Salguero.

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Luquez, Ruggeri, Mouzo, Córdoba, Krasouski (H. Alves), Berta, Brindisi, Scotta, Gareca, Apariente (Sotelo).

Referee: Octavio Meza, Colombia; **Att:** 40,000.

August 5

Boca Juniors (Argentina) 0
River Plate (Argentina) 0

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Bargas (Vazquez), H. Alves, Mouzo, Córdoba, Ruggeri, Berta, Brindisi, Scotta, Gareca, Apariente (Sanchez).

River Plate: Fillol, Gordillo, Saporiti, Tarantini, Olarticoechea, Bulleri, Merlo, Gallego, Commisso, Alzamendi, Chaparro (Randazzo/Vieta).

Referee: Teodoro Nitti, Argentina.

August 11

The Strongest (Bolivia) (0) 1 (I. Pena pen.)
Boca Juniors (Argentina) 0

The Strongest: Galarza, Iriondo, Garrido, Martinez, J. Pena, Peckerman, Angulo (sent off 74 mins.), Huguenet, I. Pena, Insfran (Zambrana), Rojas.

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Bargas, Ruggeri, H. Alves, Córdoba (sent off 74 mins.), Passucci (Acevedo), Krasouski, Benitez, Sanchez (Sotelo), Gareca, Vazquez.

Referee: Edison Perez, Peru.

August 15

Wilsterman (Bolivia) (1) 1 (Taborda)
The Strongest (Bolivia) (2) 2 (Huguenet, Rojas)

Wilsterman: Perez, Bengolea, Navarro, Villalon, Arias, Enriquez, Villaroel, Taborga, Blanco, Melgar, Salguero.

The Strongest: Galarza (Caruso), Heredia, Iriondo, Martinez, Pena J., Garrido (Mercado), Peckerman, Huguenet, I. Pena, Insfran, Rojas.

Referee: Luis Barrancos; **Att:** 15,000.

Group one standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
The Strongest (Bolivia)	3	3	0	0	4	1	6
Wilsterman (Bolivia)	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
River Plate (Argentina)	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Boca Juniors (Argentina)	3	0	1	2	0	2	1

Group 2
August 6

Defensor (Uruguay) 0
Penarol (Uruguay) (1) 3 (Morena 2, Vargas)

Defensor: Carrasco, Forlan, Russo, Acevedo, Di Bartolomeo, Anzorena, Sarubbi, Caillava, Mastrangelo, Da Silva, Tolosa.

Penarol: Fernandez, Diogo, Olivera, Gutierrez, Morales, Bossio, Saralegui, Jair, Vargas, Morena, Ramos.

Referee: Mario Lira, Chile; **Att:** 23,000.

August 13

Sao Paulo (Brazil) (1) 2 (Serginho 2)
Gremio (Brazil) (1) 2 (Edimar, Jamir)

Group 4
August 7

Colo Colo (Chile) 0
Cobreloa (Chile) 0
Att: 15,000.

Central American Junior Championship (at Guatemala — qualifier for Junior World Cup): August 15 — United States 5 Puerto Rico 0.

Major Club Internationals

August 3 — America (Mexico) 2 FC Oeste (Argentina) 1; August 6 — America (Mexico) 1 FC Oeste (Argentina) 1; August 8 — Necaxa (Mexico) 3 Santos (Brazil) 1; August 15 — America (Mexico) 4 Santos (Brazil) 0; August 14 — Necaxa (Mexico) 0 Independiente (Argentina) 0 — International tournament final placings: America 4 pts, Necaxa 3, Independiente 1, Santos 0. (August 9 — America (Mexico) 1 Independiente (Argentina) 0).

Other Major Internationals

July 18 — Mexico (amateurs) 2 Canadian University Select. 1.

NOTE: The only international activity in Europe in June and July was the World Cup – with the exception of the European championship tie between Malta and Iceland. The World Cup matches have already featured in detail in World Soccer – so the International Review this month picks up where the World Cup left off to bring readers back up to date on national team activity.

JUNE 5

Messina, Sicily — European championship group 7
Malta 2 (Spiteri-Gonzi 43, Fabri 48)
Iceland 1 (Geirsson 51 pen)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** D'Elia (It)

Malta: Bonello — Consiglio, Edwin Farrugia, Buttigieg, Holland — Emm. Farrugia (M. Farrugia), Busuttil, Fabri — Spiteri-Gonzi, Guzi Xuereb (Schembri), G. Xuereb.

Iceland: Baldursson — Oskarsson, Geirsson, Haraldsson, Jonsson — Thordarsson, Ormslev, Gudlaugsson, Teitur Thordarsson — Gudmundsson, A. Edvaldsson.

This match had been moved to Sicily because of the two-match ban imposed on Malta following

incidents during a game against Turkey in the last European championship. Newly-elected Footballer of the Year Ernest Spiteri-Gonzi put Malta ahead just before half-time and Sliema midfielder Emmanuel Fabri added a second just after the interval. A controversial penalty, converted by Geirsson, provided Iceland's consolation goal.

JUNE 16

Oslo
Norway 2 (Hareide 20 and 24)
Denmark 1 (Laudrup 26)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 8,200.

Two goals by Manchester City's Age Hareide provided Norway with their first win over Denmark in 12 years — though it must be said that the Danes were without any of their foreign-based exiles, all enjoying their holidays while their home-based colleagues were, of course, in mid-season.

JULY 14

Bucharest
Rumania 4
Japan 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000.

AUGUST 11

Copenhagen
Denmark 3 (Bastrup 4, Lerby 66, Busk 72)
Finland 2 (Valvee 8, Turunen 37)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 5,700.

Oslo
Norway 1 (Lund 57)
Sweden 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Amundsen (Den)

Norway: Nygaard — Berntsen, Kojedal, Hareide, Groendalen — Albertsen, Giske (Fjelberg 89), Lund — Thoresen (Davidsen 46), Dokken, Oekland.

Sweden: Wernersson — Erlandsson, Hysen, Dahlqvist, Fredriksson — Stroemberg, Ravelli (Bjorklund 67), Nilsson, Larsson — Corneliusson, Svensson.

A goal by that outstanding general, Tom Lund, provided Norway with another worthwhile victory over one of their usually more powerful neighbours. For the Swedes this defeat was bad news coming before the European championship tie in Rumania.

AUGUST 31

Paris
France 0
Poland 4 (Jalocha 28, Kupcewicz 61 and 62, Buncol 68 pen)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Galler (Swz)

France: Ettori — Amoros, Janvion, Tresor, Bossis (Mahut 46) — Tigana, Bijotat (Ferreri 46), Genghini — Delamontagne, Stopyra (Bravo 69), Soler.

Poland: Kazimierski — Majewski, Dolmy, Janas, Jalocha — Wojcicki (Kubicki 65), Buncol (Okonski 77), Ciolek, Kupcewicz — Mazur (Dziekanowski 46), Smolarek.

Surprises all round — both in the fact that Poland beat France so conclusively so soon after the 3-2 third-place match win in Spain; also the size of the crowd for this traditional season-opening charity match.

Only 12,000 turned out in the Parc des Princes to applaud the French team's success in Spain and they seemed about as disinterested as the large mass of fans. Poland were well worth their victory despite the absences of Messrs Lato, Zmuda and Boniek. Also out was goalkeeper Mlynarczyk, while World Cup reserve Kazimierski was provided with a debut international as a reward for his displays last season in the Polish under-21 side.

You have to go back to England's 5-0 win at Wembley in 1969 to find such a defeat for France and this was their worst home defeat since losing 5-1 in the Stade Colombes in 1949 against Spain. From the heights to the depths — and all in a matter of weeks. France were, of course, without new Juventus signing Michel Platini as well as the injured Rocheteau and Giresse, but that was no real excuse.

Poland's new captain, Smolarek, made life awkward for Ettori in the opening minutes before France recovered sufficiently for Stopyra to rattle a 28th-minute shot narrowly wide at the other end. In the 28th minute, however, Poland went in front through full-back Jalocha after a disastrous misunderstanding between Ettori and sweeper Marius Tresor.

From that point, Poland never looked back. Bossis had one shot brilliantly saved by Kazimierski before the interval, but after it Poland took control with a spell of three goals in seven minutes.

First Dziekanowski's centre was crashed in off a post by Kupcewicz, who immediately scored again with Ettori all at sea on another cross. Five minutes later Smolarek flew down the left, cut into the penalty box and was bundled over by substitute Mahut. Referee Galler had no hesitation in awarding the penalty which was converted by Buncol . . . as the crowd jeered Ettori.

Manager Michel Hidalgo refused later to attribute sole blame to Ettori, saying that there had been problems in every department of the team.

EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS 1982-83
CHAMPIONS' CUP
Preliminary round, 1st leg

Dinamo Bucharest 3 (Augustin 17, Georgescu 54, 72)
Valerengen 1 (Grahn 57)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Hoxha (Alb). Played August 25.

Valerengen: Tom Jacobsen — Horstad, Sollied, Roar-Austeo, Drehik — Grahn, L. Eriksen (Liknes 75), Davidsen; Kullerud — Foss, Haugen (Enerley 80).

Preliminary round, 2nd leg

Valerengen 2 (Pal Jacobsen 44, Davidsen 87)
Dinamo Bucharest 1 (Custov 1)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,440. **Ref:** Orakangas (Swe). Played September 1.
Dinamo Bucharest 4-3 on agg.

Valerengen: Tom Jacobsen — Horstad, Sollied, Roar-Austeo, Drehik — Eriksen, T. Jacobsen, Davidsen — Haugen (Grahn 65), P. Jacobsen, Foss.

CUP-WINNER'S CUP
Preliminary round, 1st legs

Aberdeen 7 (Black 2, 56, Strachan 21, Hewitt 23, Simpson 34, McGhee 63, Kennedy 82.
Sion 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Tritschler (WG). Played August 18.

Aberdeen: Leighton — McMaster, Kennedy, Simpson, McLeish, Miller, Stachan, Black (Weir 73), McGhee, Bell (Rougvie 59), Hewitt.

Sion: Pittier — J-Y. Valentini, Richard, Balet, P-A. Valentini — Lopez, Bregy, Bernhard Karlen, Cernicky — Luisier (Cucinotta 46), Cina.

Swansea 3 (Charles 42, 86, Cardoso own goal 62)
Sporting Braga 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,641. **Ref:** Thomas (Hol). Played August 17.

Swansea: Davies — Marustik, Hadziabdic, Irwin, Kennedy, Rajkovic, R. James, L. James, Charles, Stevenson (Thompson), Latchford (Walsh).

Braga: Helder — Artur, Cardoso, Nelito, Guedes, Serra, Oliveira, Paris, Gomes (Malheiro), Manoel, Santos.

Preliminary round, 2nd legs

Sion 1 (Bregy 27)
Aberdeen 4 (Hewitt 27, Miller 61, McGhee 64, 72)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,400. **Ref:** Glazar (Yug). Played September 1.
Aberdeen 11-1 on agg.

Sion: Pittier — J-Y. Valentini, Richard, Moulin, L. Karlen — Cernicky, Lopez, Luisier (B. Karlen 56), Bregy — Cucinotta, Cina (Tachet 69).

Aberdeen: Leighton — Cooper, Miller, Kennedy, McMaster — Strachan (Black 75), Bell (McLeish 60), Simpson — Hewitt, McGhee, Weir.

Braga 1 (Marustik own goal 77)
Swansea 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Baumann (Swz). Played August 25.
Swansea 3-1 on agg.

Braga: Helder — Artur, Cardoso, Paris, Guedes, Serra, Oliveira, Spencer (Fontes), Manoel (Malheiro), Gomes, Santos.

Swansea: Davies — Marusrik, Hadziabdic, Irwin, Mahoney, Rajkovic, L. James, R. James, Charles, Stanley, Latchford.

European first round, first leg results
(Full details next month)

Champions' Cup: Aston Villa 3, Besiktas 1 — Standard 5, Gyor 0 — Dynamo Berlin 1, Hamburg 1 — Hvidovre 1, Juventus 4 — Grasshoppers 0, Kiev 1 — Dundalk 1, Liverpool 4 — Celtic 2, Ajax 2 — Monaco 0, CSKA 0 — Vikingur 0, Real Sociedad 1 — Avenir Beggen 0, Rapid 5 — Hibs Malta 1, Widzew 4 — Omonia 2, HJK Helsinki 0 — Dinamo Bucharest 2, Dukla 0 — Nendori 1, Linfield 0 — Olympiakos 2 Oesters 0 — Dynamo Zagreb 1 Sporting Lisbon 0.

Cup-winners' Cup: Barcelona 8, Apollon Limassol 0 — Lillestroem 0, Red Star 4 — Torpedo 1, Bayern Munich 1 — Baia Mare 0, Real Madrid 0 — FK Austria 2, Panathinaikos 0 — Inter 2, Slovan 0 — Coleraine 0, Spurs 3 — IFK Gothenburg 1, Ujpest 1 — Limerick 1, Alkmaar 1 — Dresden 3, BK 1893 2 — IBV Vestmannaeyjar 0, Lech Poznan 1 — Galatasaray 2, Kwsysi 1 — Swansea 12, Sliema 0 — Lokomotiv Sofia 1, Paris SG 0 — Aberdeen 1, Dinamo Tirana 0 — Waterschei 7, Nev Buys Differdange 1.

UEFA Cup: Man. Utd 0, Valencia 0 — Glentoran 1, Banik 3 — Utrecht 0, Porto 1 — Progres 1, Servette 0 — Benfica 2, Betis 1 — Haarlem 2, Gent 1 — St-Etienne 4, Tatabanya 1 — Bohemians Prague 5, Admira Wacker 0 — Roma 3, Ipswich 0 — Ferencvaros 2, Bilbao 1 — Anderlecht 3, Kuopion Ps 0 — Slask Wroclaw 2, Dynamo Moscow 2 — Vorwaerts 1, Werder Bremen 3 — Dundee Utd 1, PSV 1 — Spartak Moscow 3, Arsenal 2 — Stal Mielec 1, Lokeren 1 — Viking Stavanger 1, Lok. Leipzig 0 — Carl Zeiss Jena 3, Bordeaux 1 — Southampton 2, Norrkoping 2 — Borussia Dortmund 0, Rangers 0 — PAOK 1, Sochaux 0 — Un. Craiova 3, Fiorentina 1 — Sevilla 3, Levsky 1 — Pezoporikos Larnaca 2, FC Zurich 2 — Dynamo Tbilisi 2, Napoli 1 — Kaiserslautern 3, Trabzonspor 0 — Slavia Sofia 2, Sarajevo 2 — Grazer AK 1, Corvinul Hunedoara 1 — Fram Reykjavik 0, Shamrock R. 3 — Hajduk 4, Zurrieq 1.

September 29: AEK v Köln replayed 1st leg.

ECUADOR:
Professional Division A Championship
(2nd round — after 6 games)

1. Tecnico Universitario (Ambato) 9 pts; 2. Universidad Catolica (Quito) and Barcelona (Guayaquil) 8; 4. Nacional (Quito), Aucas (Quito), Deportivo Quevedo and Universidad de Portoviejo 7; 8. Nueve de Octubre (Milagro) 6; 9. Emelec (Guayaquil) 5; 10. Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Quito) and Everest (Guayaquil) 3; 12. Deportivo Quito 2.

PARAGUAY: First Division (after 14 games)

1. River Plate, Nacional and Olimpia 18 pts; 4. Libertad 16; 5. Cerro Porteno 15; 6. Sol de America 13; 7. Guarani 12; 8. Sportivo Luqueno and Oriental 11; 10. Tembetary 8.

CHILE: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univ. de Chile	5	4	1	0	18	7	10(1)
Colo Colo	5	4	0	1	9	3	10(2)
Regional Atacama	5	4	1	0	9	3	9
O'Higgins	5	4	0	1	10	5	8
Cobreloa	5	3	1	1	13	2	8(1)
Naval	5	3	2	0	8	4	8
Norte Arica	5	4	0	1	2	4	8
Univ. Catolica	5	2	2	1	9	8	7(1)
Palestino	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
Magallanes	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Santiago Morning	5	0	2	3	3	9	2
Deportivo Iquique	5	1	0	4	13	13	2
Union Espanola	5	1	0	4	11	15	2
Audax Italiano	5	0	1	4	5	10	1
La Serena	5	0	1	4	5	8	1
Rangers	5	0	0	5	5	19	0

(Bonus points obtained for reaching semi-finals and winning pre-season tournament in brackets)

URUGUAY: First Division (after seven games)

1. Penarol 13 pts; 2. Defensor, Nacional, Cerro and Sud America 8; 6. Rampla Juniors, Wanderers, River Plate, Danubio and Bella Vista 7; 11. Miramar 5; 12. Progreso and Liverpool 4; 14. Huracan Buceo 2.

BOLIVIA: Professional League

1. Bolivar 30 pts; 2. The Strongest 25; 3. Blooming 23; 4. San José and Jorge Wilsterman 20; 6. Guabira and Petrolero 19; 8. Oriente 17; 9. Municipal 16; 10. Real Santa Cruz, Unificada and Aurora 15; 13. Independiente and Chaca 10.

PLAYERS IN THE NEWS

Diego Maradona, the Argentine international midfielder who now plays for Barcelona, did not take part in the recent Europe v Rest of World UNICEF benefit match in New York because, according to the organisers (it is being said in Argentina), he asked for 25,000 dollars and eight first class return plane tickets.

Alberto Brailowsky, Argentine insider has been transferred from Independiente (Argentina) to America (Mexico) for 175,000 dollars.

Julio Uribe, Peruvian international, transferred from Sporting Cristal (Peru) to Cagliari (Italy) for one year for 100,000 dollars.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FK Austria	5	4	1	0	11	2	9
Eisenstadt	5	3	2	0	7	2	8
Rapid Vienna	5	3	2	0	11	2	8
Sturm Graz	5	3	1	1	10	7	7
Klagenfurt	5	3	1	1	10	7	7
Admira Wacker	5	2	2	1	5	3	6
Salzburg	5	2	1	2	8	6	5
WR Sportclub	5	2	1	2	7	10	5
Union Weis	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
Simmering	5	1	2	2	3	6	4
SSW Innsbruck	5	1	2	2	6	10	4
Linz ASK	5	1	1	3	7	7	3
Graz AK	5	1	1	3	3	6	3
SC Neusiedl	5	1	1	3	2	9	3
Voest Linz	5	1	1	3	4	11	3
Vienna	5	0	1	4	4	11	1

Top scorers: Becher (Salzburg), 4; Bakota (Sturm Graz), 4; Drebits (Austria), 4; Liaerbather (Sturm Graz), 4.

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brugge	7	5	1	1	11	5	11
Beveren	7	4	2	1	16	4	10
Beerschot	7	4	2	1	13	11	10
Standard Liège	7	4	1	2	20	9	9
Antwerp	7	4	1	2	11	7	9
Anderlecht	7	4	1	2	12	9	9
Lokeren	7	4	1	2	9	7	9
Waterschei	7	3	3	1	9	5	9
Lierse	7	3	1	3	6	13	7
Tongeren	7	2	2	3	10	11	6
Kostrijk	7	2	2	3	9	11	6
RWDM	7	2	2	3	8	12	6
La Gantoise	7	1	4	2	7	8	6
FC Seraing	7	1	4	2	6	6	6
FC Liège	7	1	3	4	2	12	5
Waregem	7	2	0	5	7	12	4
Winterslag	7	1	1	5	5	9	3
Cercle Bruges	7	0	1	6	7	15	1

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bohemians	5	3	2	0	9	3	8
TJ Vitkovice	5	3	1	1	11	4	7
Inter Bratislava	5	2	3	0	6	2	7
Banik Ostrava	5	3	1	1	10	5	7
Lok. Kosice	5	3	1	1	10	9	7
RH Cheb	5	2	2	1	12	7	6
Sparta	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Dukla	5	2	2	1	4	4	6
Slavia	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Plastika Nitra	5	2	1	2	5	5	5
Zbrojovka Brno	5	2	0	3	7	7	4
ZVL Zilina	5	1	2	2	8	8	4
Sigma Olomouc	5	1	1	3	4	6	3
Tatran Presov	5	1	1	3	5	14	3
Spartak Trnava	5	0	1	4	3	11	1
Slovan	5	0	1	4	4	13	1

NORWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Viking	19	10	5	4	34	21	25
Lillestroem	19	11	2	6	32	21	24
Valerengen	19	9	4	6	33	18	22
Hamkam	19	10	2	7	32	31	22
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Utd	6	5	0	1	13	5	15
Liverpool	6	4	2	0	14	6	14
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Everton	6	2	1	3	10	7	7
Sunderland	6	2	1	3	7	7	7
Arsenal	6	2	1	3	6	6	7
Swansea	6	2	1	3	8	10	7
Coventry	6	2	1	3	4	6	7
Brighton	6	2	1	3	5	17	7
Norwich	6	1	3	2	9	10	6
Southampton	6	1	1	4	3	13	4
Birmingham	6	1	1	4	3	17	4
Ipswich	6	0	3	3	7	11	3

Top scorers: Stein (Luton) 6, Latchford (Swansea) 5, Cowan (Aston Villa), Whiteside (Man Utd), Rush (Liverpool), Moss (Luton), Eastoe (WBA) 4.

DENMARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aarhus	20	15	5	3	39	19	29
Odense	20	10	5	5	17	18	25
Brondby	20	10	4	6	39	23	24
Lyngby	20	8	8	4	29	19	24
Naestved	20	9	6	5	27	21	24
1893, Cop.	19	9	4	6	23	20	22
Hvidovre	20	8	5	7	23	23	21
Esbjerg	20	9	2	9	28	31	20
Koege	20	7	5	8	29	25	19
Kolding	20	5	9	6	23	28	19
B.93 Copenhagen	19	5	8	6	27	26	18
Ikast	20	5	7	8	21	28	17
Vejle	20	6	4	10	18	29	16
1909, Odense	20	4	7	9	29	41	15
KB, Cop.	20	4	5	11	24	36	13
1901, Nyk.	20	3	6	11	17	36	12

Top scorers: Laudrup (Brondby) 11, Chrois (Brondby), Munk Nielsen (Odense), Jakobsen (Koege) 10.

SWEDEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IFK Goteborg	20	10	7	3	42	18	27
Hammarby	20	11	4	5	38	24	26
Oester	20	9	4	7	26	17	22
Elfsborg	20	7	8	5	2	20	22
Malmoe	20	8	10	4	19	15	22
Brage	20	8	5	7	21	25	21
Halmstadt	20	8	6	7	35	40	20
Oegryte	20	6	7	7	24	25	19
Norrkoeping	20	5	9	6	27	32	19
Kalmar	20	5	7	8	18	25	17
AIK	20	4	9	7	17	26	17
Aatvidaberg	20	3	2	15	14	41	8

Top scorers: Cornellusson (Goteborg) 12, Gyllenvaag (Brage) 9, Svensson (Norrkoeping) 9, Jingblad (Halmstadt) 9.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roda	7	6	0	1	20	7	12
PSV	6	5	0	1	16	8	10
Feyenoord	7	4	2	1	13	10	10
Ajax	6	4	1	1	15	5	9
AZ'67	7	4	1	2	12	7	9
Groningen	7	2	4	1	9	10	8
Excelsior	7	3	1	3	10	9	7
Fortuna Sittard	7	3	1	3	7	8	7
Sparta	7	2	2	3	14	13	6
Willem II	7	2	2	3	9	8	6
NEC	7	2	2	3	6	9	6
Haarlem	7	1	4	2	7	12	6
FC Utrecht	7	2	1	4	10	13	5
FC Twente	7	1	3	3	7	11	5
NAC	7	1	3	3	7	11	5
Go Ahead Eagles	7	1	3	3	10	15	5
Helmond Sport	7	1	3	3	10	17	5
PEC Zwalle	7	0	3	4	8	17	3

Top scorers: Raeven (Roda) 6, Kolhof (PSV) 6, V. Karten (Go Ahead) 5, Eriksson (Roda) 5, Holverda (Sparta) 5.

HUNGARY

Csepel	4	3	1	0	9	4	7
Raba	4	3	0	1	11	2	6
Honved	4	3	0	1	7	3	6
Ferencvaros	4	2	1	1	9	4	5
Ujpest	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Zalaegerszeg	4	2	0	2	4	5	4
Debrecen	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Bekescsaba	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Tatabanya	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Diosgyor	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
Vasas	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Videoton	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Nyiregytaza	4	1	1	2	2	6	3
Haladas	4	1	1	2	3	9	3
Pecs	4	0	1	3	4	9	1
MTK	4	0	1	3	2	13	1

Top scorers: Szabo (Raba), Varadi (Vasas), Burcsa (Raba), 3 buts.

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiorentina	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
AS Roma	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Sampdoria	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Torino	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Pisa	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Juventus	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Udinese	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Inter	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Avellino	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Ascoli	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Cesena	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Naples	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Cagliari	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Catanzaro	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Genoa	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Vérona	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	3	3	0	0	11	1	6
Rangers	3	1	2	0	7	2	4
Dundee FC	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Dundee Utd	3	1	2	0	2	0	4
Aberdeen	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Hibernian	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
St Mirren	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Kilmarnock	3	0	2	1	1	6	2
Morton	3	0	1	2	1	6	1
Motherwell	3	0	1	2	3	12	1

Top scorers: Nicholas (Celtic) 5, Aitken (Celtic) 3.

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atletico Madrid	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
Read Madrid	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
At. Bilbao	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Zaragota	3	2	0	1	4	1	4
Las Palmas	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Real Sociedad	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
Gijon	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Salamanca	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Valencia	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Barcelona	3	1	1	1	4	2	3
Sévilla	3	1	1	1	1	1	3
Espanol	3	1	0	2	1	4	2
Malaga	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Betis	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Osasuna	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Valladolid	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Santander	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
Celta Vigo	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Top scorers: Hugo Sanchez (Atletico) 4; Stielike (Real) 3; Sarabia (Athl. Bilbao) 3.

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sakaryaspor	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Adanaspor	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Altay	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Besiktas	2	1	1	0	7	0	3
Trazon	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Zonguidak	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Kocaell	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Sariyer	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Galatasaray	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Gaziantepspor	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Bursaspor	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Ankaragucu	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Fenerbahce	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Mersin I. Yurdu	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Samsunspor	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Antalyespor	2	0	1	1	1	7	1
Adana D. Spor	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Boluspor	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern	6	5	0	1	18	3	10
Hamburg	6	4	2	0	17	4	10
Stuttgart	6	4	2	0	17	5	10
Dortmund	6	4	2	0	10	2	10
Köln	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
Werder Bremen	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
Bielefeld	6	3	1	2	9	9	7
Eintracht Bwg	5	2	2	1	5	4	6
M'Gladbach	6	3	0	3	13	9	6
Karlsruhe	6	3	0	3	5	12	6
Nürnberg	6	2	1	3	8	16	5
K'Lautern	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Hertha	6	1	2	3	10	12	4
Dusseldorf	6	1	2	3	4	14	4
Shalke 04	6	1	1	4	6	10	3
Bochum	6	1	1	4	2	7	3
Eintracht F'furt	6	1	0	5	6	9	2
Leverkusen	6	1	0	5	2	15	2

Top scorer: Hoeness (Bayern) 5; Völler (Brèmen) 5; Six (Stuttgart) 4.

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dyn. Zagreb	7	4	3	0	11	4	11
Partizan	7	5	0	2	16	11	10
Olimpija	7	3	3	1	7	5	9
Sarajevo	7	4	1	2	15	9	9
Hajduk	7	2	4	1	9	9	8
Dyn Vinkovci	7	3	1	3	6	7	7
Zeljeznicar	7	2	3	2	7	5	7
Rijeka	7	3	1	3	14	11	7
Radnicki	7	3	1	3	8	9	7
Sloboda	7	2	3	2	8	7	7
Buducnost	7	2	3	2	7	10	7
Osijek	7	3	1	3	10	10	7
Vojvodina	7	1	4	2	6	11	6
Vardar	7	2	1	4	11	12	5
Velez	7	2	1	4	9	14	5
Galenika	7	1	3	3	7	11	5
Red Star	7	2	1	4	8	11	5
OFK Belgrade	7	1	2	4	4	7	4

Top scorers: Zivkovic (Partizan) 6; Cvetkovic (Dyn. Zagreb), Savic (Red Star) 5.

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